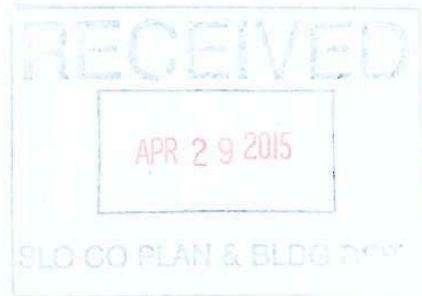


San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us



Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely

Lorna Gutschell
9979 Gossip Rock Rd
Rancho Suen
Santa Maria, CA 93454

April 15, 2015

To the members of the county
Planning & Building Department
I live in A. Tascadero and I
am writing in support of the
proposed Mental Health Hospital
in Templeton. That kind of facility
is very much needed in our county.
as there is no facility in our
county or a near by county that
can furnish the kind of treatment
and care mentally ill people
require. That area on Las Tablas
has become a medical center.
with Twin Cities Hospital, several
diagnostic labs, doctors, specialists
and a pharmacy. It seems the
perfect place for this new kind
of ^{mental} medical health hospital. I
hope the Planning & Building
Department will approve this

proposal and this much needed
service can be made available.

Sincerely,

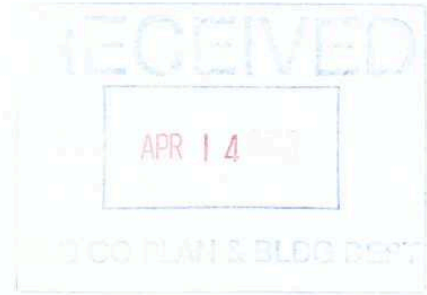
Maggie Firtukneider
7600 Santa ynez
A. Tascadero, CA
93422
766-8442

APR 20 2015

Joseph Meagher
1088 Pauline Way
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

April 12, 2015

SLO County Planning & Building Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300



Dear San Luis Obispo County Planning Department Representative Phipps,

I am writing in support of the 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed to be built near the Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton. Adding this size facility to this medical resource center will be a tremendous addition.

It has been obvious for a long time that the local County Mental Health facility in San Luis Obispo lacks the capacity to handle the growing needs of our community. The second closest facility is in Ventura which is a huge burden for local families that have to go there for the care they need.

I was twenty years old when I found myself needing the care that this facility will be providing. I was a patient at Boston City Hospital (Boston Medical center) for 25 days, and an outpatient for 20 months after my stay in the hospital. The care that I receive made it possible for me to go back to college after a year, and graduate with an electrical engineering degree three years later. Fortunately, I was attending college in Boston. However, Cal poly students, needing the level of care that I received will have leave our community to receive it.

This is an opportunity our county cannot pass up to provide much needed services to underserved children, adolescents and seniors who need immediate mental health care in our county. The property is zoned for this use. The owners are willing to build the facility. Please help in any way you can to bring this much needed facility to our families and loved ones.

Sincerely,

Joseph Meagher

San Luis Obispo County Planning and Building Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
ATTN: Ms. Holly Phipps, Room 300

April 6, 2015

TOPIC: Behavioral Health Hospital Facility: Templeton

Dear Ms. Phipps:

Until Jeff, our youngest son, was struck in his teen years by paranoid schizophrenia in 1998, my wife, Karen, and I always thought mental illness was "someone else's problem." Caught off guard, and clueless as how to proceed, we were guided by county professionals into life-saving treatment for our stricken son and into marriage-saving discussion groups for ourselves. We had excellent insurance, and Jeff required 72-hour confinement for observation and for his own safety many times locally. Once, from French Hospital, he escaped and gave us quite a scare for his welfare until he came home a week later. For those times when Jeff was in crisis, the existence of a local facility for confinement, observation, and treatment was absolutely essential. Jeff, in crisis, often could not be in a moving car as a passenger for more than a few hundred yards without dangerously opening the passenger door to get out and walk around until he could calm down. Jeff's life was cut short when he was 20 years old from causes unrelated to his schizophrenia, and we are grateful that Jeff was well enough to live at home and to be employed downtown at a local theater, these blessings made possible because local treatment was available to him.

Looking back, I now know that there had been other instances of mental illness in my extended family, instances hushed up due to stigma and fear; and I am confident that our experience is hardly unique as up to 25% of us will have mental illness issues in our lifetime. That is why the proposed facility for Templeton is so urgently needed. My wife and I realize that those who have not lived with mental illness often believe the mentally ill to be dangerous and thus want to keep them far removed from their communities. This is understandable, but erroneous. The mentally ill are all around us, already living in our communities, and whatever danger there is comes from lack of treatment and the absence of family and community support. Much research has shown that those suffering mental health issues who are in treatment are no more likely to be criminals than the rest of society. It is stigma that corrupts our vision of mental health, stigma that is fed by closing our eyes to this issue.

And so we hope and strongly recommend that the Board of Supervisors approves the Templeton facility. Current progress in mental health indicates that its location near other medical facilities is ideal for integrated treatment. While we understand the point of view of those who oppose this plan, there is no doubt in our mind that if, God forbid, they went through an experience similar to ours, they would enthusiastically support the Templeton behavioral health hospital.

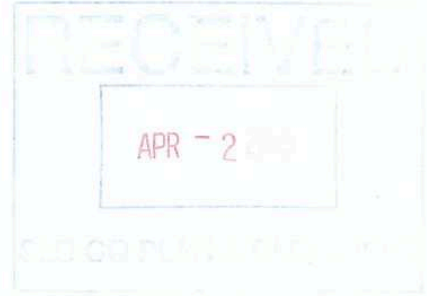
Thank you for your time and attention.

Best Regards,



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. and Karen L. Biezad
80 Narrow Court
San Luis Obispo, CA. 93405
PHONE 805-541-6541





San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hphipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely

John Gutshall
9979 Gossip Rock Rd.
Rancho Suen, Ca. 93454



To: County Planning Department & Commissioners

Re: Proposed Templeton Behavioral Health Hospital

This behavioral health hospital is proposed to be in an ideal location, across from Twin Cities and in the center of a large medical community. It appears to be an ideal situation for optimum treatment both medical and physical. Patients will be afforded excellent cooperation and coordination in their overall treatment. Our county should be so happy to have this kind of hospital here. Right now the nearest similar facilities are in Ventura, San Francisco or Santa Rosa. What a great addition to our county and a boon to patients and families.

I request that you vote to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Mark Schoennauer

PO Box 138

Cayucos CA

805-995-0507



San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis J. Allen".

April 15, 2015

To the members of the county
Planning & Building Department

I live in A. Tascadero and I
am writing in support of the
proposed Mental Health Hospital
in Templeton. That kind of facility
is very much needed in our county.
as there is no facility in our
county or a near by county that
can furnish the kind of treatment
and care mentally ill people
require. That area on Las Tablas
has become a medical center,
with Twin Cities Hospital, several
diagnostic labs, doctors, specialists
and a pharmacy. It seems the
perfect place for this new kind
of ^{mental} medical health hospital. I
hope the Planning & Building
Department will approve this

proposal and this much needed
service can be made available.

Sincerely,

Maggie Firtuschnider
7600 Santa Ynez
Atascadero, CA
93422
766-8442

APR 20 2015

ATTACHMENT 8

Telephone Number:
805-237-1586

Email address:
bjscho@charter.net

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

I am writing in support of the 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed to be built across the street from Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton. The need for such a facility in San Luis Obispo County is great! The proposed location for this facility seems ideal given the proximity to the hospital and medical centers whereby the patient care can be integrated and coordinated for optimal treatment.

With one in four persons expected to experience a mental health diagnosis in their lifetime and one in 12 children, the need for behavioral health care for families in crisis is imperative. Our local County Mental Health facility has to send hundreds of patients out of the county for treatment for lack of beds here. There is no facility in San Luis Obispo County that can provide intense inpatient behavioral therapy. The closest facility for adolescents is in Ventura. Children are often sent to UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital for treatment. This creates a huge burden for families who must be part of treatment and exit plans.

My husband & I had to take several days off work over a 2 week period while our son was in Ventura recovering from a psychotic break.

This is an opportunity that our county cannot pass up to provide much needed services to underserved children, adolescents, adults, and seniors who need immediate mental health care in our county. The property is zoned for this use. The owners are willing to build the facility. Please help in any way you can to bring this much needed facility to our families and loved ones.

Sincerely,
Brenda Schoennauer

SIO COUNTY & PLANNING DEPT.
976 Osos St., # 200
SIO, CA 93408

April 19, 2015
VIRGINIA B. JOHNSON
1358 Vineyard Dr.,
Templeton, CA 93465

ATTENTION: HOLLY PHIPPS Room 300

Dear Ms. Phipps:

Our small community can not possibly stand the impact of a 96 bed psychiatric hospital facility where mentally ill patients will constantly be admitted and turned loose to wreak havoc. A five day stay in a lockdown facility can not possibly bring such a troubled person back into sanity.

And where is he or she to go when released? On the streets of Templeton ? Looking for a place to stay ? Or back to relatives in those other counties which will be sending THEIR mentally ill to our locale to get them out from under their responsibility ? Will these relatives come and get them and take them back?

As I understand this proposal, the facility will not accept Medi-Cal or welfare cases, and would only have limited access for US Veterans.

I would venture to suggest that the whole plan is to accept patients and have a revolving door policy to see how many patients they can channel in and out of the facility and charge exorbitant fees in the process.

There would be no need for such a facility if the patients were only to come from our 7000 plus Templeton population.

Why should this facility for mentally deranged people be built in Templeton ? Undoubtedly the owners of the property want to sell at a huge profit, but let common sense prevail over private greed.

There is also the question of Water supply. With its 7000 Templeton population, and people cutting their personal water use, why bring another huge development in to further drain our dwindling water supply?

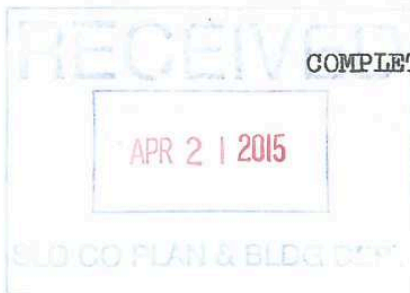
So why should our little community, I ask, as a 35 year resident of Templeton, bear the brunt of this invasion of other counties' mentally disturbed people?

Do they want to RUIN Templeton ?

Sincerely, and

COMPLETELY AGAINST THIS DREADFUL PROPOSAL !

Virginia B. Johnson



April 20, 2015

SLO County Planning & Building Dept.
976 Osos St., #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300



Dear Ms. Phipps,

I am writing to express my concern for the Behavioral Health Hospital Facility proposed in Templeton. As a resident of Templeton, I do not see any benefit to the community with the proposed Facility in an already congested area of our small town. Templeton does not have the resources to support a project such as this and I believe locating this in Templeton is wrong. Our community will suffer if this project is approved. Furthermore, I cannot stand behind a project of this magnitude that uses an out-of-town developer and architect. These people have no interest in this community other than to come in, make a quick buck, and leave.

I trust our local leadership will take a long and hard look at this proposed project, recognize the problems associated with this, and do the right thing by denying the application.

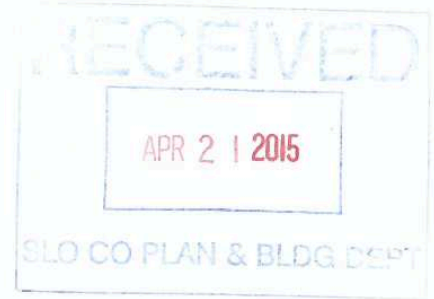
Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at (805) 226-9292.

Regards,

William Wolkoff
3561 Ridge Road
Templeton, CA 93465

CC: County Planning Commission - rhedges@co.slo.ca.us
TAAG - dclarue_air@yahoo.com
Frank Mecham - fmecham@co.slo.ca.us
Debbie Arnold - darnold@co.slo.ca.us

Amber & Jay Ford
201 Foxtail Lane
Templeton, Ca 93465



April 20, 2015

SLO County Planning & Building Dept.
976 Osos Street, Suite 200
San Luis Obispo, California 93408

Attention: Holly Phipps, Room 300

RE: Large Scale Psychiatric Health Facility Proposed in Residential Neighborhood of Templeton

Why Templeton, because the developer has property here? If this facility is needed, then why not in San Luis Obispo where there are more facilities and resources available to the patients. .

We are against this proposed facility in our neighborhood. Recognizing the medical facilities that are located on Las Tablas to include the hospital are convenient for all citizens in our respective cities, we do not want this type of facility as an addition.

The neighborhoods surrounding the area mentioned are well established with families with small children, middle-age and elderly people who enjoy the peace, quiet and safe streets. We don't have a police force, only sheriffs to take care of our needs and they are stretched as it is. Who will be responsible to respond if there are risks associated with transient mental health patients in our community?

While the developers always promote their best foot forward with statements about how it will not impact in a negative way, they won't live here when this facility opens its doors. How would they know the impact?

Obviously there must be a need for this type of facility, but surely there is a better location that is more suitable. We are counting on you to make the right decision for what is best for Templeton.

Thank you,

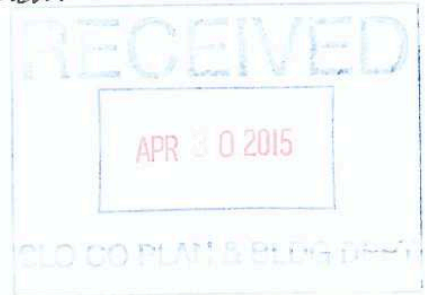
Amber Ford

Cc: Templeton Area Advisory Group
TAAG P. O. Box 1134
Templeton, Ca 93465

Frank Mecham – sent to email address
Debbie Arnold – sent to email address

April 25, 2015

SLO County Planning and Building Department
 Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300
 976 Ocas St., #200
 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408



Dear Member,

Re: Psychiatric Health Facility Proposed for Templeton

This is a case in which zoning has miserably failed to protect the populace from dangerous and serious destruction of property values. I am sure that each person in the Planning and Building Department would personally object to such a facility if it was to be brought to their neighborhood. Please consider this nightmare as it should be - not appropriate for an orderly and peaceful community which shows pride in ownership. This psychiatric health facility is completely out of character for Templeton. The facility will destroy the present character of the city. The facility would be more appropriately located in a rural environment where it would not be close to children and senior adults and other peace loving adults.

Please do not approve this project for this residential neighborhood.

David E. Snyder
 3355 Cypress Mountain Rd.
 Templeton, CA 93465-8738

April 22, 2015

To: SLO County Planning and Building Department
RE: Proposed Behavioral Health Facility in Templeton

As Templeton resident I want to express my strong disapproval of the proposed mental health facility that's being proposed on Las Tablas Road.

This facility is completely out of character for the rural-suburban nature of the Templeton community. Twin Cities Hospital is a COMMUNITY hospital intended to serve local residents. The proposed facility is a REGIONAL facility and will serve residents from Monterey and Contra Costa counties all the way down to Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

The only reason this facility is being proposed for this location is because a landowner has some property he wants to sell. Look at all the vacant medical facilities on Las Tablas Road. The Las Tablas Road medical area is not vibrant. Bringing in this REGIONAL mental health facility will not change that fact.

While I have nothing against a REGIONAL mental health facility, the Las Tablas Road area – or anywhere in Templeton – is the wrong place for it. SLO County already has the Mens Colony in San Luis Obispo. It has Atascadero State Hospital in Atascadero. It had the delinquent boys facility in Paso Robles. Is it the Planning Commission's intent to pepper all of SLO County with facilities for those people who are unable to cope in today's society?

On a daily basis I already see CMC vans at various Las Tablas medical facilities, bringing up inmates for medical treatment. In this respect Templeton is already satisfying its county responsibilities.

SLO County is satisfying its statewide responsibilities. SLO County has become a dumping ground for the state's sexually violent deviants and general prison population. And now you want Templeton to serve as a dumping ground for the state's mentally ill? If that's what SLO County wants, put it elsewhere, not in Templeton!

There is a HUGE difference if you compare ASH and CMC to this proposed facility. ASH and CMC were built first and then community housing followed. The residential community of Templeton was here first. You CANNOT build the proposed facility in an established residential community because doing so takes away the choice of the local residents. Had this mental health facility already been here, I would not have bought our home in the Las Tablas Road area.

Scott Sitler
805-441-1739
centralcoastscott@yahoo.com

ATTACHMENT 8

April 26, 2015

SLO County Planning & Building Dept.
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300

To whom it may concern:

I am a long time resident of North County (33 years) and currently reside in Peterson Ranch on Herdsman Way. I can see Twin Cities Hospital from my property.

As are many others, I am very concerned about the placement of a LARGE-SCALE PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY in my backyard. This is especially so because it is not a local project and is clearly an attempt by an out of area health entity to move into a small, fairly rural area and create an over-sized, nonlocal beauracratic night mare psychiatric facility. It will bring intransient mental patients, many of whom will have drug problems, from other counties for short stays. There are no Behavioral Health and/or Drug Rehab. Facilities locally (and as a retired physician, believe me when I say we do not want them here)!

This would put the local population at risk for transients who are mentally unstable and often addicted to all manner of psycotropic substances. It would increase traffic, lower our property values, utilize more of our water and end up a disaster for our community (no matter what stream of revenue or tax resourses these out of town folks dream up and promise). Besides, we already have Atascadero State Hospital here in our county.

I implore you to do everything within your power to not allow this Psychiatric Health Facility to gain entrance to our area.

Sincerely,

Carol J. Hanna, M.D.
815 Herdsman Way, Templeton CA 93465

ATTACHMENT 8

To whom it may concern:

4/22/15

There is a project scheduled to break ground in 2015 that I am both deeply concerned about and I highly oppose it in my town.

There is a large scale psychiatric health facility being proposed in my residential neighborhood of Templeton, CA 93465.

This project will impact our community in several areas.

1. This will lower my property value
2. Transient mental health patients will influx here from other counties.
3. This increases risk for public safety.
4. Released patients will end up being homeless on the streets of Templeton increasing risk and safety to residents of Templeton.
5. Increased traffic congestion in an area already congested enough. Las Tablas is the only road to get to the hospital and a lot of medical offices for residents of Templeton and surrounding areas. A 96 bed facility requires a lot of staff who will be commuting to work in an already way too congested area.
6. Increased burden on our already record low water tables. Where is the water going to come from for this large facility for staff and patients? That is a lot of patients whom will need toilet facilities, bathing facilities. That is also a lot of staff who will require water to clean and cook and wash hands frequently. Frankly, we don't have enough water for this facility to be built.
7. This facility is way too close to homes, parks and our schools.
8. This facility has already said that they will have a high turn-over rate of patients.....most released within 14 days. Where will they be RELEASED? In my backyard with my family? Homeless on our streets and harassing our residents?
9. This will increase homeless and pan-handling and I also believe more illegal drug use will influx our small community of families.

Don't let this happen to our community. We moved to Templeton in 1988 for a reason for the small, safe town that it was.

This Carmel-based land developer is only doing this for money to line his pockets. He has already stated he plans to sell the facility for millions of dollars to a company not involved or responsive to our small community once the facility is completed. This is all about money for him. He is not thinking about the residents of Templeton, CA Let him build this facility in Carmel in HIS backyard so he can deal with all of the repercussions of it. Let him allow the

released patients to live on the streets in HIS backyard. Let HIS hometown have an influx of traffic, increased water/sewer bills and illegal drugs on HIS streets.

Please do NOT allow this facility to be built in our community. It is a really bad idea for so many reasons. It is not right for this community. And with California so low on water quite frankly, it is not right for anywhere in our state at this time. We do not need to add to the water shortage. We've been asked to CONSERVE, CONSERVE, CONSERVE. Then we were forced to decrease landscaping watering to alternate days. Then our rates increased! WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH WATER! STOP THE BUILDING!

FUTHERMORE THERE ARE 400 HOMES BEING BUILT IN TEMPLETON WHERE THE OLD STOCK YARDS WERE ON MAIN STREET. WHERE IS THAT WATER COMING FROM? NEW CONSTRUCTION AND NEW RESIDENTS ARE GOING TO BLEED US COMPLETELY DRY. STOP THE NEW CONSTRUCTION. WHO THE HELL IS APPROVING ALL THIS? AND WHY?

Sincerely,

Deborah Constantine

A concerned resident of Templeton, CA

4-17-2005

Mary Jane & Robert McConnell
1725 Briarwood Pl.
Templeton, Ca.

No - we do not want out-of-town
developers.

No we do not want more traffic
on Las Tablas where all of our
medical needs are.

No we do not want our home
have lower property values

No our experience with individuals
who have mental health issues
stop taking their meds once they
are released from a psychiatric facility.
Mental health patients act out
when they stop taking their meds.

No we do not want to see mental
patients in our parks & ~~the~~ our
around our homes nor around
our children and schools.

We have many empty land away
from our neighborhoods.

Sincerely
Mary Jane McConnell
Bob McConnell

P.S. How about selling that land
from builders and

EDWARD JARDINI, M.D.

Diplomat American
Board of Family Practice

Family Practice
1320 Las Tablas Road, Suite F
Templeton, CA 93465

(805) 434-0025, Fax (805) 512-7869

June 26, 2015

Ms Holly Phipps

County Planning Department

Re: Support for Templeton Behavioral Health Hospital

Dear Ms. Phipps

I am a physician board certified in Family Medicine with certification in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. I have been practicing in north San Luis Obispo County for over 25 years. I am writing to celebrate the addition of a desperately needed psychiatric facility to the existing Templeton medical complex.

I don't have to tell you that mental health is the least recognized and treated aspect of health care in this country. Whether due to prejudice, ignorance, or poor public policy, the mental health care needs of Americans are not being met.

According to the National Alliance on Mental illness, one in four adults experience a mental illness, one in 17 lives chronically with a serious mental illness, and 20 percent of teens suffer with severe mental disorders. Suicide is the third leading cause of death in young adults aged 15-24 years old. But here in the United States, 60 percent of adults with mental illness, and almost one half of afflicted youth aged 8-15 received no mental health services in the previous year.

Despite the common prevalence of serious mental illness and the devastating impact on our society, San Luis Obispo County, your county, with a population of almost 300,000 people, does not have a single public inpatient mental health hospital. This is more than embarrassing; it is tragic.

I have sometimes had to make arrangements for patients from our community to be transported to Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara or Vista Del Mar in Oxnard to receive inpatient treatment of their mental disorders. This creates a terrible strain on family members trying to support their loved ones—who may be very young or old—while they receive treatment in a hospital hours away. Post-discharge outpatient care with psychiatrists based in other counties leads to lost work time, more traffic and pollution, or worse—noncompliance to appropriate follow up and treatment.

The addition of a mental health facility to San Luis County is long overdue. The vicinity to the existing Templeton medical complex is appropriate—if not ideal—as zoning of the site has already established. I reside in Templeton, within walking distance of the proposal, and would welcome the prospect of being able to attend or visit my patients in my own community at the time of their greatest need.

The citizens of our community must have a local, modern inpatient care setting in which to receive treatment of their mental health disorders. To deny this need exists, or to prevent approval due to baseless prejudice further delays correction of a major deficiency of our health care system. Your approval will not only improve mental health in our community, but will undoubtedly save lives.

Thank you, and best of health,

E. Jardini MD

ATTACHMENT 8

LETTER IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOSPITAL IN TEMPLETON

I am writing on behalf of the Justice Task Force of the Atascadero United Methodist Church. We have been studying the proposal to build a behavioral health hospital in Templeton for some time, and have come to the decision that not only is there a crucial need for such a facility in our county, but that the location chosen is the most practical place for such a facility.

The hospital would contain separate units for children, teenagers, adults and the elderly. There is no place in the county that offers such comprehensive care for all ages.

The corridor along Las Tablas and Posada Lane has primary care doctors, specialists, Twin Cities Community Hospital and a pharmacy. It seems ideally suited for the behavioral health hospital and we urge our County Board of Supervisors to approve this proposal.

Sincerely,

Maggie Fertschneider, Chairman,
Atascadero United Methodist Church Justice Task Force,
7600 Santa Ynez Ave., Atascadero, CA
805-466-3691

SLO County Planning & Building Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear San Luis Obispo County Planning Department Representative Phipps,

I am writing in support of the 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed to be built across the street from Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton. The need for such a facility in San Luis Obispo County is great, and the proposed location of this facility within a hospital/medical resource hub seems ideal. It is important that a behavioral health facility be part of a medical campus so that patient care can be integrated and coordinated for optimal treatment results of the whole person.

With one in four persons expected to experience a mental health diagnosis in their lifetime and one in 12 children, the need for behavioral health care for families in crisis is imperative. Our local County Mental Health facility has had to send hundreds of patients out of county for treatment for lack of beds here. There is no facility in San Luis Obispo County that can provide several weeks of intense inpatient behavioral therapy to family members in crisis. The closest facility for adolescents is in Ventura. Children often must go to UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital for treatment, creating a huge burden for our local families who must be part of the treatment and exit plans.

I personally have struggle with depression the majority of my life from childhood to the present, which has been on going battle for approx. 67 years. I served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam war, during the years of 1966 to 1968 and from 1968 to 1970 I proudly served aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise CVAN 65 and while station on the U.S.S. Enterprise CVAN 65, I was station aboard it on January 14, 1969 we were on our way to the Tokin Gulf off of Vietnam, when we were doing exercises in preparation to going to Vietnam. We were approx. 70 nautical miles off the coast of the Hawaiian Islands, when they suddenly sounded general quarter. The exhaust of one of our tractors over heated a heat-sensing missile & set off a change reaction

of 500 lbs. bombs and missiles exploding, setting off one of the largest fires in the history of aircraft carriers. I was in the hospital corps attached to the Dental Division at the time, but I functioned as a hospital corpsman, during a mass casualty event. I was called to my Battle Dressing Station, which was one of 2 sick bays in the hospital. The first casualty I received I still can remember his name this day & will never forget him or all the other horrific injuries I witnessed and care for to the best of my ability then and to the very present. This first casualty I took care of had some of the most horrific injury I have ever seen. When I first saw him he was eviscerated (the entire abdomen; both his legs were mangled beyond belief, hanging on by a thread of skin; was still breathing barely and barely conscious. There was not much I could do for him except to keep him comfortable with morphine, until he passed unto the Lord. I believe he was fully aware that he was dying at that time. Taking care of the many injured that day and those who have passed always unto the Lord's hands & grace, because I always wonder my entire life, if there was something I personally had missed & or done differently. I believe with all the love in my heart now that I did all I could possibly do at the time, being only 20 years old. Primarily through my Mental Health Counseling and Multiple Suicide attempts having to be hospitalized out of the County of the San Luis Obispo, CA. I have been hospitalized at Cottage in Santa Barbara, CA.; Good Samaritan in Bakersfield, CA. and several private hospitals in Fresno, CA. After my active duty discharged from the Navy, I served 2 years in active duty. I attended Fresno City College & Fresno State University, pursuing a degree as a Registered Nurse. I was a RN for 47 years & I love everything about it. I work in a Level I Trauma Center in Fresno for 20 years; my 1 year of nursing I work on a Pediatric Ward of 30 patients, which I was eventually placed as a charge nurse. At that time we had a variety of illnesses, injuries, but the majority, which had

cancer, who were suffering thru out there ordeal. They needed care for their cancer, but also for their mental health problems, including their parents, which range in marriage problems to severe depression. Because of tremendous care offer at this hospital they offer both the medical care; mental health care (do their inpatient mental health facility & religious care) which definitely carry them thru. I have seen & witness to many in my life time die, but what I personally witness at the time of a person death is the peace in their faces, as their souls leave the human body and ascend in their eternal home with GOD, are Lord Jesus Christ.

I was awarded on May 4, 1990 – RN of Year Award for Fresno County & have received a Citation from the US Navy for my action during the fire aboard the USS Enterprise CVN65 and many more during my nursing career. These awards, citations and etc.; I take know pride in for they are just awards, which I did not deserved, for all health care professional I have work with over the years are much more deserving than I. I just did my job, which GOD knew what that would be, even before I was created or he gave me that first breath. I think with all that I have learn through out my life time, that it would be blessing to every man, woman, adolescent, child & all the inpatients that are hospitalized thru out are County of San Luis Obispo that it would be disgrace to are community & morally wrong not to build this hospital at this location. It would be disgrace and disservice to the mentally ill, weather it be from Depression or PTSD; Bipolar; Schizophrenia or many other forms of mental illness. It is just another illness. It could happen to anyone at any time, even if you mentally sane, you never know what tomorrow will bring, therefor take one day at a time. There continues to be to many tragedies throughout our nation today, due to the fact that there are not enough mental health outpatient &/or inpatient facilities, to take care of the mentally, ill in the way they should be treated. Instead

they are place on the streets to survive on their own, while we live in our comfort home. Are country and county, are headed down the wrong path, with immorally, changing are man made laws from the biblical law, which are nation was founded on.

Thank you, for listening to me.

Mike, GOD Bless are nation & our county.

Insert personal story here describing your experience in obtaining local extended treatment for your loved one.

This is an opportunity that our county can not pass up to provide much needed services to underserved children, adolescents and seniors who need immediate mental health care in our county. The property is zoned for this use. The owners are willing to build the facility. Please help in any way you can to bring this much needed facility to our families and loved ones.

Sincerely,

Michael

ATTACHMENT 8

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300

I am writing in support of the proposed behavioral health hospital in Templeton. There is a desperate need for such a hospital in San Luis Obispo County. There is no facility of this kind in SLO County and as a result our loved ones must travel great distances to receive the care they need.

In 2014 I had a personal experience with the mental health industry in San Luis Obispo County and it was not pleasant. Nothing was available here in SLO County, so my loved one had to go to Calabasas California for 6 weeks of inpatient treatment. It was very difficult for everyone involved, emotionally and financially having her so far away. If SLO County had a behavioral health hospital at that time it would have made a huge difference in her recovery. We could have visited her more frequently, had better contact with her treatment team, been on top of her treatment better, and it wouldn't have cost us so much in travel expenses.

I wonder if the opposition to this hospital has experienced the mental health industry in SLO County, I doubt it or why would they oppose it. While a person is inpatient they also need medical care. This hospital would be located perfectly, near all the medical facilities in Templeton.

Please do everything you can to help this hospital get built!!!!

Sincerely
Ron Belben
810 Crazy Horse Drive
Paso Robles, CA 93446

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hphipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps:

I am writing in support of the new behavioral health facility proposed to be built in Templeton. A facility of this kind is desperately needed in our county to serve children, adolescents, adults and senior citizens who are experiencing acute mental health issues and need intensive inpatient care. There is no facility of this kind in our county and as a result our loved ones must travel great distances to receive the treatment they need.

My 18 year old nephew had to be transported all the way to Santa Rosa. It has been a nightmare for the family not having a facility near SLO.

Ann Robin, San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Administrator reported recently that she was unable to serve more than 350 patients last year, many of them children. These patients had to be sent out of county to treatment facilities. When patients have to travel, the move presents both a challenge to those providing care and a strain on family members. It is very difficult for family members and loved ones to be part of treatment plans in facilities that may be in LA, Santa Rosa, San Mateo, Ventura or Santa Barbara.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults will suffer a mental illness in their lifetime and will need to seek help. We presently have 16 beds in our county to serve a population of 270,000 people. This is clearly not enough. We have an opportunity to build a facility in our county to serve the needs of the people who live here and need help. Please do everything you can to help this hospital get built!

Sincerely,
Lesley Minkey
Camperminkey1@aol.com

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps:

I am writing in support of the new behavioral health facility proposed to be built in Templeton. A facility of this kind is desperately needed in our county to serve children, adolescents, adults and senior citizens who are experiencing acute mental health issues and need intensive inpatient care. There is no facility of this kind in our county and as a result our loved ones must travel great distances to receive the treatment they need.

My 18 year old nephew had to be transported all the way to Santa Rosa. It has been a nightmare for the family not having a facility near SLO.

Ann Robin, San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Administrator reported recently that she was unable to serve more than 350 patients last year, many of them children. These patients had to be sent out of county to treatment facilities. When patients have to travel, the move presents both a challenge to those providing care and a strain on family members. It is very difficult for family members and loved ones to be part of treatment plans in facilities that may be in LA, Santa Rosa, San Mateo, Ventura or Santa Barbara.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults will suffer a mental illness in their lifetime and will need to seek help. We presently have 16 beds in our county to serve a population of 270,000 people. This is clearly not enough. We have an opportunity to build a facility in our county to serve the needs of the people who live here and need help. Please do everything you can to help this hospital get built!

Sincerely,
Lesley Minkey
Camperminkey1@aol.com

SLO County Planning & Building Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear San Luis Obispo County Planning Department Representative Phipps,

I am writing in support of the 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed to be built across the street from Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton. The need for such a facility in San Luis Obispo County is great, and the proposed location of this facility within a hospital/medical resource hub seems ideal. It is important that a behavioral health facility be part of a medical campus so that patient care can be integrated and coordinated for optimal treatment results of the whole person.

With one in four persons expected to experience a mental health diagnosis in their lifetime and one in 12 children, the need for behavioral health care for families in crisis is imperative. Our local County Mental Health facility has had to send hundreds of patients out of county for treatment for lack of beds here. There is no facility in San Luis Obispo County that can provide several weeks of intense in patient behavioral therapy to family members in crisis. The closest facility for adolescents is in Ventura. Children often must go to UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital for treatment, creating a huge burden for our local families who must be part of the treatment and exit plans.

Having a son with schizophrenia knowing that a facility wss nearby when needed would let me rest better

This is an opportunity that our county can not pass up to provide much needed services to underserved children, adolescents and seniors who need immediate mental health care in our county. The property is zoned for this use. The owners are willing to build the facility. Please help in any way you can to bring this much needed facility to our families and loved ones.

Sincerely,

Sheere Fox-Mudge

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hphipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps,

We are very fortunate to have a state of the art memory care facility and behavioral health hospital proposed for our county. I hope that you will focus on all of the main positive reasons to approve this project: The help that it will give to people of all ages in crisis; the ability of patients to stay close to home and loved ones while undergoing treatment; the new mental health professionals to be recruited to our county; the jobs in the two facilities; and the huge economic impact to the county. This looks like a "win-win" situation for everyone. I'm asking you to support this project. We need it.

Sincerely,



RE: Billig's proposed behavioral health and memory care facility on Las Tablas across from Twin Cities Hospital

fmecham@co.slo.ca.us, Bruce Gibson ,
 Shirley Sigmund to: ahill@co.slo.ca.us, lcompton@co.slo.ca.us, 01/28/2015 02:38 AM
 Debbie Arnold , hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear San Luis Obispo Planning Commission District One Representative Jim Irving and Holly Phipps, Project Manager, and Honorable Supervisors Mecham, Gibson, Hill, Compton, and Arnold,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my husband, Dr. Stephen Sigmund, Internal Medicine, and we want to share with you our thoughts about the proposed behavioral health and memory care facility in Templeton.

We work in the field of healthcare, and we treat and care for patients, some of whom have mental illness or other mental health challenges. We have compassion for these patients, as do all the people we know in Templeton. We have empathy and understanding for these patients, their families, and their support systems.

We do not support the proposed facilities.

We attended the November 20, 2014, TAAG (Templeton Area Advisory Group) meeting, and the majority of the residents and community members who spoke were opposed to the facility.

Four local physicians were there and all four were against the proposed behavioral facility.

The reasons were wide and varied, among them were:

- 1) There is no infrastructure (police, fire) to support the necessary services to support those with mentally challenging illnesses, especially concerning with the adult patients having the ability to sign themselves out against medical advice.
- 2) The true number of beds needed for our area is not supported with the excessive number of beds proposed in this project.
 This 96 beds facility (along with the 16 beds at the county's Psychiatric Health Facility), if permitted, creates a total of
 ----- 112 beds for a county of 274,622, a seriously substantially higher ratio of beds per capita compared to:
 -- Santa Barbara----- 36 beds for a population of 430,426
 -- Fresno----- 77 beds for a population of 947,581
 -- Ventura ----- 160 beds for population of 834,398
 -- Contra Costa----- 108 beds for population of 1,078,257 (over a million people)

Let's be clear on what the needs are of the community and not the property owner and project developer.

- 3) The operator doesn't live here (the hospital operator lives in New Orleans, LA) and therefore, is not impacted by the facility.
- 4) The owner doesn't live here (moved away about 15 years ago) and isn't impacted by the facility.
- 5) Medical centers of excellence (for behavioral and other health needs) are characterized by communities that have teaching hospitals, medical schools, and large populations/ communities that have infrastructure in place. Templeton is none of those.

When our patients require expert care, beyond the scope of the practice of our local medical community, patients are appropriately referred out for care in one of these communities.

- 6) In a meeting on December 30, 2014, with Anne Robin, MFT, Behavioral Health Administration director for the County of San Luis

Obispo Health Agency, Behavioral Health Services, she stated that the goal of the county is to have a Crisis Stabilization Unit on the

SLO Campus (on the former General Hospital grounds) in two years. People and government in this county who endorse

and advocate for more psychiatric and behavioral beds are strongly recommended to work with the county in this endeavor.

--- There is staff at the county level who could and want to expand services locally, to serve local needs. Budgeting

resources and finding revenue streams to meet our local need serves our community and is wise and encouraged.

---- It is important to keep the scope in mind of what the county needs.

Having 112 beds for a county population of 274, 522 is not warranted.

7) The proposed location is not the ideal location. The better location would be in San Luis Obispo city, a community that has

the infrastructure (police, fire, mental health professionals and psychiatrists) to support a small hospital commensurate

with our county population and proportionate to the actual number of patients who are referred out of the county.

We hope that you will consider our thoughts on this matter. Thank you for taking the time to read our letter.

Sincerely,

Stephen Sigmund, M.D., FACP, Internal Medicine

Shirley Sigmund, M.A. CCC-SLP, Speech Language Pathologist

Templeton, CA

Board of Supervisors
San Luis Obispo County

Public Comment – Water Issue

Jan , 2015

The State is in severe drought which has impacted all the County. Not all areas have been impacted evenly. No one can predict when, or if, the drought will cease. Yet the powers that be allow building to continue with the ridiculous solution to offset water usage by cutting down trees. Some have presumptuously expressed the idea that the water problem is not as bad as they have been led to believe, and also areas least impacted by the drought should be allowed to continue to build. They are gambling the drought will reverse itself before the water availability here is in dire crisis. What has happened to old fashion common sense?

Since this is the first time such a situation has existed, it might be prudent to wait and see what happens before any further building is allowed. Because water is a limited resource and a basic need, the Supervisors need to implement an immediate building moratorium. Any other action puts the County in a precarious position. This should not be.



Susan Levine
(805) 434- 9977
368 Eric Drive
Templeton 93465

RECEIVED

MAR 31 2015

PLANNING & BUILDING

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hphipps@co.slo.ca.us

MARCH 29, 2015

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely

Michael D. Meke



5850 Rosario Avenue • Atascadero, CA 93422

AtascaderoUCC@gmail.com • AtascaderoUCC.org

ph. 805.466.9108 | fx. 805.466.3935

County Planning and Building Dept.
976 Osos St. #200
San Luis Obispo, Ca. 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps

March 22, 2015

Dear Ms. Phipps,

As members of one of the four Atascadero faith communities helping on Peace with Justice issues, we strongly urge the completion of the proposed Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton. Since one in four Americans suffer mental health problems during their lifetime, most of us have experienced this ourselves or through a loved one. Unfortunately, stigma regarding mental illness prevents many sufferers from seeking the skilled help they need, or such resources are not available. If SLO County builds the proposed short-term treatment facility we will not only be a more compassionate community, but a safer one. The mentally ill are not more violent than the rest of the population. But if a temporary crisis is not given the skilled intervention needed, then the patient is left to overburdened families, churches, homeless shelters and police, often with dangerous results.

To overcome the fears and opposition about the proposed facility in Templeton, public education about mental health issues and treatment is badly needed. Our faith community would be glad to help plan and sponsor an open forum on mental health as part of our God-inspired task to care for the needy, marginalized and oppressed. "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Kenney Keston

Jeannie Miles
Jim Carter

Daniel Rich
Sally & Thomson - had post partum depression, bi-polar daughter

Stew Thomson - got good care for depression and anxiety at Cottage Hospital

Larry Arham

Martha Stair
Maria A. Domestica

Pat Carrens
Brenda May

Janet K. Morales
Lyk Barte

Wilma F. Sparling
Phyllis Cerny



5850 Rosario Avenue • Atascadero, CA 93422

AtascaderoUCC@gmail.com • AtascaderoUCC.org

ph. 805.466.9108 | fx. 805.466.3935

Respectfully yours
Dorco DYLES

Take Myce

JAMES DONALD VAN HOUTEN ~~PH~~

Blindley Osborn - very much needed.

Don (Middell) (Atascadero)

Myce Douglas

Wanda M. M. M.

Andy Smith

Marlene Pearce

Althea Wellens

Margie Hamilton

Antonyson

Sam H. H.

SLO County Planning & Building Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300

Dear San Luis Obispo County Planning Department Representative Phipps,

I am writing in support of the 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed to be built across the street from Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton. The need for such a facility in San Luis Obispo County is great, and the proposed location of this facility within a hospital/medical resource hub seems ideal. It is important that a behavioral health facility be part of a medical campus so that patient care can be integrated and coordinated for optimal treatment results of the whole person.

With one in four persons expected to experience a mental health diagnosis in their lifetime and one in 12 children, the need for behavioral health care for families in crisis is imperative. Our local County Mental Health facility has had to send hundreds of patients out of county for treatment for lack of beds here. There is no facility in San Luis Obispo County that can provide several weeks of intense in patient behavioral therapy to family members in crisis. The closest facility for adolescents is in Ventura. Children often must go to UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital for treatment, creating a huge burden for our local families who must be part of the treatment and exit plans.

This is an opportunity that our county can not pass up to provide much needed services to underserved children, adolescents and seniors who need immediate mental health care in our county. The property is zoned for this use. The owners are willing to build the facility. Please help in any way you can to bring this much needed facility to our families and loved ones.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "John G. [unclear]", written in a cursive style.

SLO County Planning & Building Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300

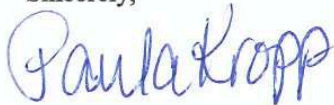
Dear San Luis Obispo County Planning Department Representative Phipps,

I am writing in support of the 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed to be built across the street from Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton. The need for such a facility in San Luis Obispo County is great, and the proposed location of this facility within a hospital/medical resource hub seems ideal. It is important that a behavioral health facility be part of a medical campus so that patient care can be integrated and coordinated for optimal treatment results of the whole person.

With one in four persons expected to experience a mental health diagnosis in their lifetime and one in 12 children, the need for behavioral health care for families in crisis is imperative. Our local County Mental Health facility has had to send hundreds of patients out of county for treatment for lack of beds here. There is no facility in San Luis Obispo County that can provide several weeks of intense in patient behavioral therapy to family members in crisis. The closest facility for adolescents is in Ventura. Children often must go to UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital for treatment, creating a huge burden for our local families who must be part of the treatment and exit plans.

This is an opportunity that our county can not pass up to provide much needed services to underserved children, adolescents and seniors who need immediate mental health care in our county. The property is zoned for this use. The owners are willing to build the facility. Please help in any way you can to bring this much needed facility to our families and loved ones.

Sincerely,



SLO County Planning & Building Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300

Dear San Luis Obispo County Planning Department Representative Phipps,

I am writing in support of the 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed to be built across the street from Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton. The need for such a facility in San Luis Obispo County is great, and the proposed location of this facility within a hospital/medical resource hub seems ideal. It is important that a behavioral health facility be part of a medical campus so that patient care can be integrated and coordinated for optimal treatment results of the whole person.

With one in four persons expected to experience a mental health diagnosis in their lifetime and one in 12 children, the need for behavioral health care for families in crisis is imperative. Our local County Mental Health facility has had to send hundreds of patients out of county for treatment for lack of beds here. There is no facility in San Luis Obispo County that can provide several weeks of intense in patient behavioral therapy to family members in crisis. The closest facility for adolescents is in Ventura. Children often must go to UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital for treatment, creating a huge burden for our local families who must be part of the treatment and exit plans.

This is an opportunity that our county can not pass up to provide much needed services to underserved children, adolescents and seniors who need immediate mental health care in our county. The property is zoned for this use. The owners are willing to build the facility. Please help in any way you can to bring this much needed facility to our families and loved ones.

Sincerely,

Scott Frederiksen

SLO County Planning & Building Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300

Dear San Luis Obispo County Planning Department Representative Phipps,

I am writing in support of the 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed to be built across the street from Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton. The need for such a facility in San Luis Obispo County is great, and the proposed location of this facility within a hospital/medical resource hub seems ideal. It is important that a behavioral health facility be part of a medical campus so that patient care can be integrated and coordinated for optimal treatment results of the whole person.

With one in four persons expected to experience a mental health diagnosis in their lifetime and one in 12 children, the need for behavioral health care for families in crisis is imperative. Our local County Mental Health facility has had to send hundreds of patients out of county for treatment for lack of beds here. There is no facility in San Luis Obispo County that can provide several weeks of intense in patient behavioral therapy to family members in crisis. The closest facility for adolescents is in Ventura. Children often must go to UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital for treatment, creating a huge burden for our local families who must be part of the treatment and exit plans.

This is an opportunity that our county can not pass up to provide much needed services to underserved children, adolescents and seniors who need immediate mental health care in our county. The property is zoned for this use. The owners are willing to build the facility. Please help in any way you can to bring this much needed facility to our families and loved ones.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy Olsen".

SLO County Planning & Building Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300

Dear San Luis Obispo County Planning Department Representative Phipps,

I am writing in support of the 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed to be built across the street from Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton. The need for such a facility in San Luis Obispo County is great, and the proposed location of this facility within a hospital/medical resource hub seems ideal. It is important that a behavioral health facility be part of a medical campus so that patient care can be integrated and coordinated for optimal treatment results of the whole person.

With one in four persons expected to experience a mental health diagnosis in their lifetime and one in 12 children, the need for behavioral health care for families in crisis is imperative. Our local County Mental Health facility has had to send hundreds of patients out of county for treatment for lack of beds here. There is no facility in San Luis Obispo County that can provide several weeks of intense in patient behavioral therapy to family members in crisis. The closest facility for adolescents is in Ventura. Children often must go to UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital for treatment, creating a huge burden for our local families who must be part of the treatment and exit plans.

This is an opportunity that our county can not pass up to provide much needed services to underserved children, adolescents and seniors who need immediate mental health care in our county. The property is zoned for this use. The owners are willing to build the facility. Please help in any way you can to bring this much needed facility to our families and loved ones.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wiley Embury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely

MIKE AND BONNIE ZAYLOWSKY ✓

365 ASPEN COURT

NIJOMO CA 93444

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

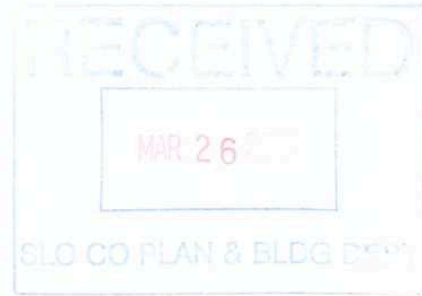
Sincerely

MILKO AND BONNIE ZAYLOWSKY

365 ASPEN COURT

NIJOMO CA 93444

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us



Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely

Darryl Elliott
President, National Alliance on Mental Illness (SLO)
Darryl Elliott

ATTACHMENT 8

County Planning and Building Dept.
976 Osos St. #200
San Luis Obispo, Ca. 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps

RECEIVED

MAR 23 2015

PLANNING & BUILDING

Dear Ms. Phipps,

The impact of denying a behavioral health facility in Templeton would be negative for the entire North County. People who receive crisis intervention for a mental health issue are much less "dangerous" to the community than people who need it but don't receive it. Sufferers from depression, anxiety, addiction, PTSD, and bipolar episodes can be effectively stabilized by short-term treatment. Unfortunately, this population is often left to overburdened families, churches, homeless shelters and police who cannot provide adequate care.

My husband was unable to find any Medi-Care providers in the entire SLO County for a disabling anxiety/depression episode. He finally received excellent psychiatric treatment at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara with a five day inpatient stay.

The Peace With Justice ministry at Community Church of Atascadero would like to cooperate with any other churches and agencies interested in providing some much-needed public education about mental health issues to help overcome the fears arising from misunderstanding.

Please vote to approve this essential short-term Mental Health facility in Templeton, or at least delay a decision until the commission and the public can learn more to hopefully counter the preliminary opposition. Another possibility is negotiating a compromise on the size of the facility.

Sincerely yours,

Sally S. Thurman
7455 Bella Vista
Atascadero
466-6587

ATTACHMENT 8

County Planning and Building Dept.
976 Osos St. #200
San Luis Obispo, Ca. 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps

March 18, 2015

Dear Ms. Phipps,

The impact of denying a behavioral health facility in Templeton would be negative for the entire North County. People who receive crisis intervention for a mental health issue are much less "dangerous" to the community than people who need it but don't receive it. Sufferers from depression, anxiety, addiction, PTSD, and bipolar episodes can be effectively stabilized by short-term treatment. Unfortunately, this population is often left to overburdened families, churches, homeless shelters and police who cannot provide adequate care.

My husband was unable to find any Medi-Care providers in the entire SLO County for a disabling anxiety/depression episode. He finally received excellent psychiatric treatment at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara with a five day inpatient stay.

The Peace with Justice Ministry at Community Church of Atascadero would like to cooperate with any other churches and agencies interested in providing some much-needed public education about mental health issues to help overcome the fears arising from misunderstanding.

Please vote to approve this essential short-term Mental Health facility in Templeton, or at least delay a decision until the commission and the public can learn more to hopefully counter the preliminary opposition. Another possibility is negotiating a compromise on the size of the facility.

Sincerely yours,

Sally Thomson
7455 Bella Vista
Atascadero CA 93422
805.466.6587
ssthomson@att.net

RECEIVED

JAN 14 2015

For THE SLO BOARD OF Supervisors

Board of Supervisors
San Luis Obispo County

Templeton Planning Commission

6th Jan. 2015

Mental Health Care Hospital

One of the goals of the Master Plan is to establish Templeton as a medical center. I believe this has been accomplished. Nowhere in the plan does it state Templeton is to be a regional mental health care center which a state -of-the -art 96-bed facility will certainly do. There are other goals in the master plan that we should be focusing on.

We have been told that 1 out of 3 people in Templeton are a danger to themselves and maybe others for which this facility is supposedly being built, that the treatment of choice for us is admission to this lock-down facility, and that enough of us qualify to keep the hospital pretty much filled on an annual basis. I believe you need to qualify these allegations.

Because of the impact a facility of this type and scope will have on our community, this project requires an in-depth feasibility study to include, but not be limited to, the mental health care history of our juveniles, adults, and geriatric community, and which of these would have been admitted to this facility because of need rather than accessibility. I am assuming the geriatric section will not include those who are memory challenged. Until these reports are forthcoming, this project should be shelved.


Susan Levine

Susan Levine
368 Eric Lane
Templeton, CA 93465
(805) 434-9977

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely

MILIKO AND BONNIE ZAKOLOSKE ✓

365 ASPEN COURT

NIJOMIO CA 93444

Letter to the Editor

The behavioral health (B.H.) field of research has exploded in knowledge and treatment options over the last 20 years. This new medical research has permanently integrated Behavioral Healthcare into the field of Primary Care medicine. Today all primary care, emergency room and Federally Qualified Health Center (CHCCC) physicians are required to screen all patients at every visit for behavioral health problems, provide a brief intervention and refer them to treatment (SBIRT). Medical schools now require whole semesters of (B.H.) education rather than the previously offered few hours or days.

The Templeton community and their TAAG team have been grossly misinformed about the definition of behavioral healthcare services. San Luis Obispo County is 40 years behind the times in education and the development of treatment options. We still believe these are “bad people who need to get good” as evidenced by the fact that the very few treatment options available are only through the doors of the courts or child welfare services. Today, we know that mental health and substance abuse disorders are organic brain diseases whose symptoms often exhibit in unhealthy behaviors, not unlike the diabetic mistaken for being under the influence when in fact their blood sugar is grossly out of balance. For years SLO County has been above state and national averages for the number of lives lost in all three categories of suicides, overdoses and accidental deaths (often people under the influence.) For the last three years our annual average for deaths due to opiate overdoses (pain medication/heroin) is 34 people, mostly men 18 – 40 in the prime of life. Every behavioral health patient affects a minimum of six family, friends and employers. These family members and friends need help, healing and hope that their loved ones will finally have this life saving treatment option as they know so well that these are “sick people who need to get well”!

TAAG owes it to the citizens of SLO County, especially in their community, to educate themselves (google: SAMHSA) then reverse their uninformed and misguided decision to oppose the Behavioral Health Hospital in our north county medical zone. The proposed state of the art treatment facility and program will bring accolades to San Luis Obispo County. We go to Stanford, Scripps or UCLA for this level of physical expertise. Our county residents should be honored to have this beautiful and progressive treatment facility available so close to home where the need is so great.

Susan L. Warren
Cambria

ATTACHMENT 8

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300

I am writing in support of the proposed behavioral health hospital in Templeton. There is a desperate need for such a hospital in San Luis Obispo County. There is no facility of this kind in SLO County and as a result our loved ones must travel great distances to receive the care they need.

In 2014 I had a personal experience with the mental health industry in San Luis Obispo County and it was not pleasant. Nothing was available here in SLO County, so my loved one had to go to Calabasas California for 6 weeks of inpatient treatment. It was very difficult for everyone involved, emotionally and financially having her so far away. If SLO County had a behavioral health hospital at that time it would have made a huge difference in her recovery. We could have visited her more frequently, had better contact with her treatment team, been on top of her treatment better, and it wouldn't have cost us so much in travel expenses.

I wonder if the opposition to this hospital has experienced the mental health industry in SLO County, I doubt it or why would they oppose it. While a person is inpatient they also need medical care. This hospital would be located perfectly, near all the medical facilities in Templeton.

Please do everything you can to help this hospital get built!!!!

Sincerely
Ron Belben
810 Crazy Horse Drive
Paso Robles, CA 93446

May 1, 2015

Dear County Planning and Building Department,

I believe it is important to NOT allow the Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton to go forward.

The quality and safety of the community will be diminished.

I practice Emergency Medicine as a physician and have lived in North County since 1999.

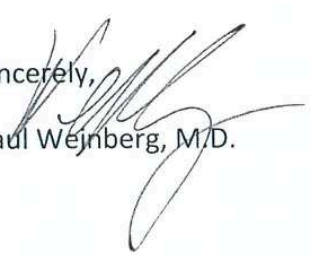
The type of patients that I expect will be brought to this facility, evaluated, admitted or not admitted and then discharged are often very difficult for society to deal with in a neighborly manner.

Homicidal people, suicidal people, heroin addicts, methamphetamine addicts and psychotics are often unstable and add to the social burden of any caring group.

The ease of homeless living in Templeton, a city without its own police force, could create a worrisome refuge for the encampment of those people.

I strongly urge the denial of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton.

Sincerely,


Paul Weinberg, M.D.



Planning Commission Contact Form (response #299)

Internet Webmaster

to:

planningcommission@co.slo.ca.us

05/02/2015 03:38 PM

Hide Details

From: "Internet Webmaster" <webmaster@co.slo.ca.us>

To: "planningcommission@co.slo.ca.us"

<planningcommission@co.slo.ca.us>

Planning Commission Contact Form (response #299)

Survey Information

Site:	County of SLO
Page Title:	Planning Commission Contact Form
URL:	http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/staff/PCForm.htm
Submission Time/Date:	5/2/2015 3:37:48 PM

Survey Response

Name	Brenda Schoennauer
Contact Information (Phone Number, Email, etc.)	bjscho@charter.net
Question or Comment	<p>I am writing in support of the 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed to be built across the street from Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton. The need for such a facility in San Luis Obispo County is great! The proposed location for this facility seems ideal given the proximity to the hospital and medical centers whereby the patient care can be integrated and coordinated for optimal treatment. With one in four persons expected to experience a mental health diagnosis in their lifetime and one in 12 children, the need for behavioral health care for families in crisis is imperative. Our local County Mental Health facility has to send hundreds of patients out of the county for treatment for lack of beds here. There is no facility in San Luis Obispo County that can provide intense inpatient behavioral therapy. The closest facility for adolescents is in Ventura. Children are often sent to UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital for treatment. This creates a huge burden for families who must be part of treatment and exit plans.</p>

My husband & I had to take several days off work over a 2 week period while our son was in Ventura recovering from a psychotic break. This is an opportunity that our county cannot pass up to provide much needed services to underserved children, adolescents, adults, and seniors who need immediate mental health care in our county. The property is zoned for this use. The owners are willing to build the facility. Please help in any way you can to bring this much needed facility to our families and loved ones.
Sincerely, Brenda Schoennauer



Crystal Duval-Kidwell

805-434-3283 crystalkidwell@gmail.com 1582 Tanager Court, Templeton CA 93465

May 3, 2015

SLO County Planning & Building Dept.
976 Osos St. #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phillips, Room 300

To Whom It Concerns:

I am writing this letter in regards to the Behavioral Health Hospital that may be built in Templeton. My husband and I have lived in Templeton for 27 1/2 years. I was a teacher at Templeton High School for 10 years before I retired in 2012. I not only have experience with mental illness in my family, but also in my teaching career. I am in complete opposition of having this facility built in our town and I will explain why.

Mental illness runs in my family. When you have a family member with mental illness, you are not able to go back to your own house like the doctors, nurses and administrators who treat them. I am writing from first hand experience with my sister who is only 14 months younger than me and suffers from bi-polar disorder and schizophrenia. My aunt and cousin also suffered from schizophrenia, but are both deceased.

One of the most important issues that has not been mentioned anywhere in the literature against or in support of the facility, is that the mentally ill patient has all the power. This is a direct result of the HIPPA laws. **The patient can discharge themselves at any time from any facility unless they are a threat to themselves or to someone else.** The patient can refuse help from family or friends. This includes rides back to whatever county they will be brought here from. This happened with my sister. She decided to leave the hospital in Maryland before she was ready and was found hiding in bushes in the local neighborhood completely naked and menstruating, with the blood was running down her legs. She wandered that way for about 5 days until the police picked her up. We have no police department here.

Several years later, she suddenly decided that my mom was evil and started writing threatening letters to her. She then stalked her for a period of 6 months. She also wrote letters about imagined unspeakable acts my brother and my husband did to their children. We were all afraid. **I would be afraid if she was hospitalized two blocks from my house.**

She now denies she has a family, so none of us can help her in any way. In fact, the case worker can't even say if she is a patient or not. All of the power is in her hands, as it will be in the hands of every single patient who is admitted to this mental health facility.

You need to know that my sister has a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and that she was a pharmaceutical rep for Sandoz and Merk pharmaceutical companies. She had a large territory in the San Bernardino area and owned her own townhouse. She frequently gave lectures to doctors on medications and how they interacted in the body. This disease has nothing to do with socio economic status, intelligence or how someone was raised.

I also have experience with mentally ill teenagers who were imported from other counties into my classroom when I taught special education in Santa Maria. My classroom was near the gym, far from the rest of the other classrooms. Within a week of arriving from another county, one of these young men waited till the rest of the students were gone, cornered me and threatened to rape me.

As much as the supporters of the facility would like us to believe, all those patients (a possible 6,000 a year) will not all accept rides back to where they are from. Some will wander around town just like my sister did.

Please don't allow this facility to be built in our town. It is a money-making venture and the owners will make every effort to fill all the beds - even if it means importing violent mentally ill people against their will.

Lastly, Templeton now has a gun shop right in the downtown area. Almost all the mass shootings were committed by mentally ill young adults. By brining in a possible 6,000 mentally ill patients into our community a year, this increases the odds of something like that happening here.

Sincerely yours,

Crystal Duval-Kidwell



RE: Templeton psychiatric facility

william mills

to:

rhedges@co.slo.ca.us

05/05/2015 01:31 PM

Hide Details

From: william mills <grnfrogvin@att.net>

To: "rhedges@co.slo.ca.us" <rhedges@co.slo.ca.us>

Please respond to william mills <grnfrogvin@att.net>

Dear R Hedges,

Thank you for reading this.

I am writing in opposition to the proposed psychiatric facility in my community, Templeton. Please know that Templeton is a small town with very limited resources, which this facility would strain to the breaking point. Until last week, I could not understand why Templeton was even picked. Then I recived a flyer from the man who will profit greatly if this facility goes in. He does not live here, and I think he has put greed before common sense. The developers have turned down other locations, and they plan to sell the facility for a big profit as soon as it is completed.

Templeton is not a community that can handle this kind of facility. I am totally opposed to it as are the majority of Templeton residents.

We live in Templeton because it is a wonderful place to raise families in - a safe, quiet, beautiful, close knit family community and certainly not the ideal location for a psychiatric hospital.

Please, please, do not allow greedy developers to ruin our community.

Thank you,
William Mills

file:///C:/Users/rhedges/AppData/Local/Temp/notesC7A056/~web... 5/5/2015



RE: Templeton facility

Erin Mills

to:

rhedges@co.slo.ca.us

05/05/2015 01:47 PM

Hide Details

From: Erin Mills <enarita99@att.net>

To: "rhedges@co.slo.ca.us" <rhedges@co.slo.ca.us>

Please respond to Erin Mills <enarita99@att.net>

Dear R Hedges,

Last week I read a flyer from the man who will make a lot of money if the proposed psychiatric facility in Templeton gets approval. I sincerely hope it does not because Templeton is a small quiet community with limited resources that would not be able to handle this place.

Why would they pick Templeton and turn down other opportunities?

Unfortunately, as is usually the case, it is pure GREED.

I am writing to express my total opposition to the facility, by outsiders who put profit before people, and developers who plan to sell for more profit once it is completed.

Templeton is a lovely small community of families who moved here to have a good, safe place to raise their children and live a peaceful life. Please help us keep Templeton the way it is, so it will not become yet another victim of disgusting individual and corporate greed.

Thank you,
Erin Mills

file:///C:/Users/rhedges/AppData/Local/Temp/notesC7A056/~web... 5/5/2015

ATTACHMENT 8

1788 Orlen Lane
Templeton, CA 93465
E: pwrl@aol.com
H: 805.221.5511
May 6, 2015

By email: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us

SLO County Planning Department
976 Osos St., #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300

Subject: Proposed Behavioral Health Hospital, Las Tablas Road, Templeton

We are presently neutral on the proposed project providing that infrastructure and conditions of approval assure the safe operation of the facility and mitigation of local impacts.

1. The County should consult with medical and management experts familiar with this type of facility to assure that conditions of approval and the facilities operational plan meet current best management practices.
2. Mitigation for all local infrastructure impacts should be part of the final approval process if the County intends to approve the project.
3. Of special concern are traffic impacts. Las Tablas is seeing increased traffic. It is not enough to say the traffic impacts are within existing capacity. Every project big or small has incremental impacts. As such, each project should contribute mitigation to offset its incremental impacts. Otherwise, at some point, a future project exceeds existing capacity. However, that project can not be forced to make major improvements that greatly exceed its incremental impact. I have seen this scenario play out many times over my career in California County Government. I believe this project should, as with all other projects, be conditioned to contribute fees or make improvements that will mitigate its impacts now and into the future.

Thank you for your consideration,

Richard Lashbrook

Patricia Watters

ATTACHMENT 8

SLO County Planning & Building Dept.
County Supervisors

I am contacting you in regards to the proposed Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton. I am trained and employed in the mental health profession and have been a resident of Templeton since 1986. I am in complete support of the proposed mental health facility in Templeton for a number of reasons. First and foremost is the absolute need for an inpatient mental health facility in San Luis Obispo County. I am a former employee of SLO County Psychiatric Health Facility. Although the PHF does a very good job of caring for 5150 commitments, it does not have adequate facilities or staff for our county. With a maximum capacity of 16 beds, it is not adequate for those requiring a stay longer than 72 hours. There are many nights they are full to capacity and cannot accept any new clients. Most often clients requiring a stay of longer than 72 hours are transferred to facilities in Ventura, Fresno, or even as far away as Sacramento or LA. There are many adolescents in our county who require crisis intervention during their turbulent teen years. The PHF has very minimal accommodations and virtually no treatment available for teens and children. They often are admitted and stay overnight and are transferred to Ventura or Fresno. It is difficult for their families to visit when they are so far away. These are our vulnerable teens who are overwhelmed by life's stresses and find themselves needing a structured inpatient facility where they can be stabilized and treated to help them through their crisis. I have sat 1:1 with many of these teens and am very compassionate to their plight.

The clients I dealt with at the PHF are your friend and neighbors, those you attend church with, socialize with and they have mental illnesses such as depression, anxiety, panic disorders, compound grief, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia PTSD. The stigma that is placed on people who have mental illness is very sad. Would TAAG and the opponents of this Behavioral Health Hospital be equally against this facility if it were an inpatient cancer treatment center? Those with mental illnesses whether short term or life long, deserve the same mental health care they have available for medical illnesses. The scare tactics used by TAAG in their flyer saying there is safety risk to the local population, and a drain on social services etc etc, is a pathetic attempt into scaring local Templeton residents with the boogie man "crazy" patient. Have we not as a society moved past the prejudice and ignorance and realize that mental illnesses like physical illness is not asked for, is not a sign of a "weak mind" it is treatable and affects all ages, genders, social classes, and income ranges. We as a society have a responsibility to see that people have adequate care, facilities and treatment.

Cuesta Community College in conjunction with ASH has one of the best if not THE best Psychiatric Technician Training Programs in the State of California. Many qualified Psych Techs must move out of the area to Coalinga, Stockton etc to find jobs. This facility will bring jobs for our local graduates from Psych Tech school as well as other professionals.

TAAG also scares Templeton residents in saying this facility will lower property values and it will be a drain to have transient mental health patients released in our area. Having lived in Templeton for nearly 30 years I do not appreciate Templetonians who think they are an elite group that has the right to say "Not in my backyard". It is shameful that those who are against this proposed facility such as TAAG put

ATTACHMENT 8

the value of their homes as a priority over the needs of the mentally ill. Your lack of compassion for your fellow human beings and your discrimination against those with a mental illness is shameful.

Sincerely,

Joyce S. McPherson

RECEIVED

MAY 14 2015

Dear *FRANK Mecham*

Board of Supervisors

I am writing in support of the new behavioral health facility proposed to be built in Templeton. A facility of this kind is desperately needed in our county to serve children, adolescents, adults and senior citizens who are experiencing acute mental health issues and need intensive inpatient care. There is no facility of this kind in our county and as a result our loved ones must travel great distances to receive the treatment they need.

I retired in 2002 and experienced two health situations with my son and daughter. My son 25 was diagnosed with cancer. In his bed he ask, "Am I going to die?" He survived and has been cancer free for three years.

My daughter in her eerily 30's has experienced a mental disease of depression, etc. ^{she} has a degree from UC San Diego, a master degree from NYU. This disease caused here to be without a job in New York City. She was taken in by the NYPD and hospitalized and court order to receive medications. This resulted in changed behavior and a request to return to live with her parents. She **now** lives with us in Atascadero, attending Cuesta College, but exhibits behaviors of depression. I think every night will there be a police call. So the behavioral health facility is needed to serve the family. I would never have though that my retirement years would be involved with cancer and mental disease.

Ann Robin, San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Administrator reported recently that she was unable to serve more than 350 patients last year, many of them children. These patients had to be sent out of county to treatment facilities. When patients have to travel, the move presents both a challenge to those providing care and a strain on family members. It is very difficult for family members and loved ones to be part of treatment plans in facilities that may be in LA, Santa Rosa, San Mateo, Ventura or Santa Barbara.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults will suffer a mental illness in their lifetime and will need to seek help. We presently have 16 beds in our county to serve a population of 270,000 people. This is clearly not enough. We have an opportunity to build a facility in our county to serve the needs of the people who live here and need help. Please do everything you can to help this hospital get built!

Sincerely,

Ray Shuck

Cc: Holly Thipps 5/18/15

John Klimala
PO Box 310
Nipomo, CA 93444

May 25, 2015

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300
HPhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can and do recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital propose near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need with their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they o home to their nearby communities.

This hospital should be built without any question. The owner / developer is committed to building this much needed hospital and saving our county the large expense of placing people in hospitals outside our county. These extraordinary expenses are paid for by the taxpayers of San Luis Obispo County.

The location is ideal within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely,

John Klimala

ATTACHMENT 8

Garon Coalwell
553 Well Rd
Templeton Ca, 93465

To whom it may concern:

I wanted to voice my opinion regarding the psychiatric health facility that is proposed in our small town. I am adamantly against this development. It will only have a negative impact on our community. There are many reasons this development must not be allowed to be built: The business plan feasibility study, Toad creek protection, Property values and many others. However, there is one point I wanted to bring to light. As a 12 year veteran of the Fire Service, and as a Fire Captain I have seen the impact that this style institution can have on a community. In my experience, much smaller, but similar businesses that are not lockdown facilities are vacuums for all public service. One of this size and security level would only be exponentially worse. Sherriff, CHP, Ambulance and Fire will be called to respond continuously and cause a major drain on the Public Safety System. Unfortunate as it maybe, this style of institution demands a huge time obligation by Public Safety. As an institution their policy is ALWAYS to call EMS anytime there is a medical complaint. This dumps the liability on the responding Fire, Ambulance, and employers: (Templeton CSD, San Luis Ambulance, and County Fire). Likewise, Fire and Ambulance as a Policy will request Police for security reasons. Police, Fire, and Ambulance will respond to almost all calls. San Luis Ambulance only has three North County response stations. These stations cover from Nacimiento Lake, California Valley, to The San Luis Grade Summit. A huge geographic area. The Ambulance system would be over taxed causing major delays in ambulance response. As a resident of Templeton, and as a parent who spends many hours away from home, responding to EMS/Fire Emergencies, I do not want my wife and kids subjected to an overwhelmed Public Safety system. Our local Public Safety system could not handle the drain that such an institution would create.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Fire Captain Garon Coalwell
805-440-8186

Dear Editor,

The National Alliance on Mental Illness states that one in four adults will struggle with a diagnosable mental illness in their lifetime. The statistic for children is one in twelve. Timely treatment can help most live happy, productive lives. However, there are times when adjustments need to be made to medical regimes and some of those adjustments are best made in a hospital setting over a couple of weeks. Sadly, there is no facility in our county that can provide this type of treatment. Families are forced to travel as far as Los Angeles for help for loved ones.

For children and adolescents, it is imperative that parents are involved in all aspects of their care since carrying out treatment plans will be their responsibility when their children return home. This necessitates many visits to the hospital for meetings with the attending medical professionals and to comfort and support their children during their stay. Traveling long distances for help puts added stress on families during what is already a very difficult time.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children and adolescents to receive the treatment they need within their own county. The need for such a facility in San Luis Obispo County is great, and the proposed location of this facility within a hospital/medical resource hub seems ideal. It is important that a behavioral health facility be part of a medical campus so that patient care can be integrated and coordinated for optimal treatment results of the whole person.

The owner/developer is committed to building this much-needed hospital, saving our county the expense of purchasing property and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources and the property is zoned for this use. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

This is an opportunity that our county can not pass up to provide much needed services to underserved children and adolescents who need immediate mental health care in our county. The need is great, the time is now.

Pam and Richard Zweifel



To: <rhedges@co.slo.ca.us>

Page 67 of 117

We teach Family to Family classes in the county which are designed by the National Alliance on Mental Illness to inform and help families with a loved one living with mental illness. We know from our experience with these families how difficult it is for them to find appropriate treatment in our county. Many of them have had to travel countless times to visit family members who have been hospitalized outside the county because there are not enough beds in our county.

We ourselves made weekly trips for several months to Torrance when our son was hospitalized due to mental illness.

These loved ones need the close support of their families.

Particularly needed are beds for teens who have a mental illness. The proposed facility would go a long way to alleviate this situation for youth in our county who need the close support of family in their time of crisis.

As you are aware, the present 16 beds at County Behavioral Health are insufficient to serve our county's population of over 250,000. The location in Templeton in an area already being used for medical purposes is an appropriate location for a behavioral health hospital.

We hope you will support this much needed contribution to our county's over-all health needs.

Yours truly,

Madeline & Joseph Johnson



Proposed Templeton psych unit

Jim Cartland

to:

rhedges, fmecham, darnold

05/31/2015 01:29 PM

Hide Details

From: Jim Cartland <jpcartland@gmail.com>

To: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us, fmecham@co.slo.ca.us,
darnold@co.slo.ca.us

We recently received a document from the owners of the property proposed as the site for the planned psychiatry facility in Templeton. They stated, among other things, that the patients would be required to return to their home towns after release. They fail to state how this could be enforced since this is not slated to be a lock down unit. Patients could easily walk out and set up camp locally.

I don't think the developers can be trusted. Their main interest is to cash out without regard to effects to the local community.

Please vote against this planned development.

j

file:///C:/Users/rhedges/AppData/Local/Temp/notesC7A056/~web... 6/1/2015

ATTACHMENT 8

April 26, 2015

SLO County Planning & Building Dept.
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300

To whom it may concern:

I am a long time resident of North County (33 years) and currently reside in Peterson Ranch on Herdsman Way. I can see Twin Cities Hospital from my property.

As are many others, I am very concerned about the placement of a LARGE-SCALE PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY in my backyard. This is especially so because it is not a local project and is clearly an attempt by an out of area health entity to move into a small, fairly rural area and create an over-sized, nonlocal beauracracic night mare psychiatric facility. It will bring intransient mental patients, many of whom will have drug problems, from other counties for short stays. There are no Behavioral Health and/or Drug Rehab. Facilities locally (and as a retired physician, believe me when I say we do not want them here)!

This would put the local population at risk for transients who are mentally unstable and often addicted to all manner of psycotropic substances. It would increase traffic, lower our property values, utilize more of our water and end up a disaster for our community (no matter what stream of revenue or tax resourses these out of town folks dream up and promise). Besides, we already have Atascadero State Hospital here in our county.

I implore you to do everything within your power to not allow this Psychiatric Health Facility to gain entrance to our area.

Sincerely,

Carol J. Hanna, M.D.
815 Herdsman Way, Templeton CA 93465



Psychiatric Health Facility Proposal: Templeton

frmjeri2u

to:

rhedges@co.slo.ca.us

04/21/2015 10:37 AM

Hide Details

From: <frmjeri2u@aol.com>

To: "rhedges@co.slo.ca.us" <rhedges@co.slo.ca.us>

Dear Ms. Hedges,

As a resident of Templeton, I am writing to STRONGLY discourage you from regarding the proposed psychiatric health facility as a favorable, viable project in my community.

As a homeowner who lives off of Las Tablas Road, and within a mile of the proposed facility, I am astounded by the logically unsound, repetitive comments about this project being a good fit within the 'medical corridor' of Templeton. Yes, we have medical facilities within our community district, but that is a far cry from being a destination provider of medical services; specifically, an exceptionally large scale psychiatric facility that is primarily designed to serve patients not local to our community.

The proposal is a poor fit, and should be denied. Templeton is a bedroom community with minimal support infrastructure, and as a person who walks daily, I can attest to the lack of transportation services (we no longer even have bus services for our school age children) that impact the number of children who use Las Tablas Road, twice a day, to get to both the elementary school and the high school. Couple that with the existing Park and Ride, also on Las Tablas Road, which houses one of our only RTA bus stops, and you have a spot which will encourage loitering. (At approximately 500 yards away from the proposed facility, it is the nearest place for individuals to congregate to if they are released without a ride, unless, of

file:///C:/Users/rhedges/AppData/Local/Temp/notesC7A056/~we... 4/21/2015

course, they choose to walk to Bethel Park which is less than 750 yards away).

Mark my words. That IS what will happen. I live here. I know. (Amazing what you see when you get out of your car and are part of daily life here.)

I'm curious. Can you guarantee the safety of residents who will be forced to pass by the facility and its patients as they are, by virtue of Templeton's roads, herded down THE ONLY path between Las Tablas Road West and Las Tablas Road East?

The residents of Templeton stand to be impacted negatively by the proposed psychiatric facility. This isn't about eye exams or broken bones or hearing tests, this is about mental health issues so significant that they may require inpatient treatment. A community services district of less than 11,000 residents is not the place for such a facility.

I recognize that the proposed psychiatric health facility is intended to be dumped in our community not because it's in Templeton's best interests to have it here, but because the developer is hoping for a return on his investment at Templeton's expense.

Do not make the mistake of approving this project.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeryl Luther
135 Hawley Street
Templeton, CA 93465

{s■C■ i ■f ■Œ a Ä■

ATTACHMENT 8

April 22, 2015

To: SLO County Planning and Building Department
RE: Proposed Behavioral Health Facility in Templeton

As Templeton resident I want to express my strong disapproval of the proposed mental health facility that's being proposed on Las Tablas Road.

This facility is completely out of character for the rural-suburban nature of the Templeton community. Twin Cities Hospital is a COMMUNITY hospital intended to serve local residents. The proposed facility is a REGIONAL facility and will serve residents from Monterey and Contra Costa counties all the way down to Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

The only reason this facility is being proposed for this location is because a landowner has some property he wants to sell. Look at all the vacant medical facilities on Las Tablas Road. The Las Tablas Road medical area is not vibrant. Bringing in this REGIONAL mental health facility will not change that fact.

While I have nothing against a REGIONAL mental health facility, the Las Tablas Road area – or anywhere in Templeton – is the wrong place for it. SLO County already has the Mens Colony in San Luis Obispo. It has Atascadero State Hospital in Atascadero. It had the delinquent boys facility in Paso Robles. Is it the Planning Commission's intent to pepper all of SLO County with facilities for those people who are unable to cope in today's society?

On a daily basis I already see CMC vans at various Las Tablas medical facilities, bringing up inmates for medical treatment. In this respect Templeton is already satisfying its county responsibilities.

SLO County is satisfying its statewide responsibilities. SLO County has become a dumping ground for the state's sexually violent deviants and general prison population. And now you want Templeton to serve as a dumping ground for the state's mentally ill? If that's what SLO County wants, put it elsewhere, not in Templeton!

There is a HUGE difference if you compare ASH and CMC to this proposed facility. ASH and CMC were built first and then community housing followed. The residential community of Templeton was here first. You CANNOT build the proposed facility in an established residential community because doing so takes away the choice of the local residents. Had this mental health facility already been here, I would not have bought our home in the Las Tablas Road area.

Scott Sitler
805-441-1739
centralcoastscott@yahoo.com



Proposed Psychiatric Facility in Templeton

Brad Nave

to:

hphipps, fmecham, darnold, rhedges

03/04/2015 11:20 AM

Hide Details

From: Brad Nave <bnave@navemd.com>

To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us, fmecham@co.slo.ca.us,
darnold@co.slo.ca.us, rhedges@co.slo.ca.us

To the Planning and Building Dept, Cty planning commission, and our Cty supervisors:

I am very much opposed to the psychiatric facility proposed for Templeton. There are many negative issues which would result from such a facility if allowed in the Heart of our beautiful North San Luis Obispo County.

We already have the state hospital in Atascadero and now are asking the North County residents to have another facility such as this. It does not seem right of fair. Why not propose the facility to South county or in San Luis Obispo? Or somewhere else?

If such a facility is allowed and completed in the North County, it will bring unwanted risk and negative consequences on our community when we already

file:///C:/Users/rhedges/AppData/Local/Temp/notesC7A056/~web... 3/4/2015

have the State Hospital as a neighbor.

I am sure you will hear of all the negative impacts such a facility would bring, so I implore all involve to NOT approve such a development.

Thank you for your time and hard work supporting our community.

Sincerely,
Brad Nave

EACH SUPERVISOR
RECEIVED COPY

San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors
1055 Monterey Rd. D430
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

June 2, 2015

Honorable Supervisors,

Please work to pass the Application for a Lot Split to build a behavioral hospital on the property across from the Templeton Hospital. It is already zoned for medical use.

San Luis Obispo County has been a wonderful place to live in and it keeps getting better. But there is a lack of care for the mentally ill on many levels. It is apparent we need an acute care hospital where in up to 10 days our critically mentally ill could be diagnosed, stabilized and discharged. Currently, every year 350 SLO Co. residents are sent out of the county for this service. Now a private proposal is being offered to meet this need. No taxpayer dollars would be required for the construction of this hospital.

Unfortunately, one of every four adults in our culture will have some kind of mental illness. Our Emergency Rooms are not able to handle this need. The ability to help county residents when they are in crisis would make this an even better place to live.

Thank you for considering this issue.

Eleanor Weinstein

Sincerely,
Eleanor Weinstein
San Luis Obispo
eweinstein@charter.net

RECEIVED

JUN -3 2015

Board of Supervisors
San Luis Obispo County

EACH SUPERVISOR
RECEIVED COPY

Heidi Bezaire
1055 Pauline Way
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

RECEIVED

JUN 11 2015

Board of Supervisors
San Luis Obispo County

San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Frank Mecham
Cc: Bruce Gibson, Adam Hill, Lynn Compton, Debbie Arnold
Room D-430, County Government Center
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Mr. Mecham,

I am writing in support of the new behavioral health facility proposed to be built in Templeton. A facility of this kind is desperately needed in our county to serve children, adolescents, adults and senior citizens who are experiencing acute mental health issues and need intensive inpatient care. There is no facility of this kind in our county and as a result our loved ones must travel great distances to receive the treatment they need. This location is ideal, as it is within a greater complex of medical resources where an individual's complete medical needs can be met.

Some of my family members have lived with severe mental illness for decades. We understand the importance of access to acute mental health care.

As a Family to Family Class teacher for the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), I see the desperation and powerlessness that local families experience when they are trying to get mental health acute care for their loved one, yet it is not available in our county.

Anne Robin, San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Administrator, reported recently that she was unable to serve more than 350 patients last year, many of them children. These patients had to be sent out of county to treatment facilities. This presents a challenge to those providing care and it is a strain on family members. It is very difficult for family members and loved ones to be part of treatment plans in facilities that may be in LA, Santa Rosa, San Mateo, Ventura or Santa Barbara.

We presently have 16 beds in our county to serve a population of 270,000 people. This is clearly not enough. We have an opportunity to build a facility in our county to serve the needs of the people who live here and need help. Please do everything you can to bring this facility to the residents of SLO County.

Sincerely,
Heidi Bezaire
Heidi Bezaire



Templeton Behavioral Health Hospital Letter of Support

SaraLynn Silver

to:

County Planning Commision (rhedges@co.slo.ca.us)

06/26/2015 02:40 PM

Cc:

Jill Bolster-White

Hide Details

From: SaraLynn Silver <SSilver@t-mha.org>

To: "County Planning Commision (rhedges@co.slo.ca.us)"

<rhedges@co.slo.ca.us>

Cc: Jill Bolster-White <Jbw@t-mha.org>

3 Attachments



image001.jpg image002.jpg Templeton BHH Letter of Support R Hedges.pdf

Dear ! zS'noo a q l s'f

h L's A aza q VV o'sni U's 9ssrj Cbs 5-Isi GmzQ'et-Bl a s-A sAcl! llof JAd. JéAs zlr
A'Ar U's C's G's G's s A'oln sAcl! al. J'A sC'snoztj J'arCantaj nrsosQ

t s'As r o C'se J'As G' r o'Ar C's zToj U'As A'fijj s'el G'el on'ssr A'FOl-j r'ol'sn

file:///C:/Users/rhedges/AppData/Local/Temp/notesC7A056/~we... 6/26/2015

CA 93401

{ 805-540-6553 }

SaraLynn Silver
Executive Assistant
Transitions-Mental Health Association
784 High Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Phone: 805-540-6553
Email: SSilver@t-mha.org

Transitions-Mental Health Association
Inspiring hope, growth, recovery and wellness in our communities.





Transitions-Mental Health Association

Inspiring hope, growth, recovery and wellness in our communities.

June 26, 2015

Holly Phipps
SLO County Planning & Building Department
976 Osos Street, #200 Room 300
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Ms. Phipps:

As a local provider of mental health services, Transitions-Mental Health Association supports the proposed Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton. We recognize the stigma that still exists about mental illness, but we urge you to recognize this project as a desperately needed resource for our community. The mentally ill patients that would seek treatment at this new facility are living among us. The question is, would we prefer they be treated or remain untreated? Untreated mental illness can lead to deterioration in one's health and can lead to unfortunate consequences, sometimes with community-wide impact. Mental illness deserves to be seen for what it is: a health condition affecting a person's ability to function, just like so many other physical health conditions for which hospitals and treatment centers exist countywide.

The planned hospital would be a voluntary facility, not a locked or forensic facility. Patients would be admitted by a medical professional or loved one for acute, short-term care and support services. A patient could ask to be released by an attending physician at any time. It would have controlled access and staff, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Staff would work with the patient and their family to enable the best possible outcome, working toward a transition back into the community as quickly as clinically appropriate.

The hospital project is meant to treat almost anyone: children, adolescents, adults and geriatric people. This will be the only facility of its kind in San Luis Obispo County and will fill gaps currently existing in the county – gaps that cause tremendous difficulty for family members, doctors and the person in treatment. The San Luis Obispo Behavioral Health Department transports hundreds of County residents each year to psychiatric hospitals, some as far away as Sacramento.

The California Hospital Association projects a need of 138 beds for a county of our size. The proposed facility would consist of 82 primary beds and 8 swing beds. The County Behavioral Health Department currently has 16 beds at its Psychiatric Health Facility, but those beds are frequently full, and are sometimes inappropriate for an acute, voluntary patient or a child in mental health crisis.

The funding will come from private insurance, managed care companies, Medicare, military plans and other funding sources as available to the level of care. There will be no need for municipal or county funding for the overall project. There will be no need for services from the Templeton School District for the children admitted to the facility, as has been rumored.

We fully support plans for the Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton and urge you to approve this important community facility. There should be no place in our community where treatment for children, adults and seniors with mental illness is limited due to fear and discrimination. When we have the opportunity to provide quality treatment on par with the treatment for those with physical illness, we should welcome the opportunity with open arms.

Sincerely,

Jill Bolster-White
Executive Director

LETTER IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOSPITAL IN TEMPLETON

I am writing on behalf of the Justice Task Force of the Atascadero United Methodist Church. We have been studying the proposal to build a behavioral health hospital in Templeton for some time, and have come to the decision that not only is there a crucial need for such a facility in our county, but that the location chosen is the most practical place for such a facility.

The hospital would contain separate units for children, teenagers, adults and the elderly. There is no place in the county that offers such comprehensive care for all ages.

The corridor along Las Tablas and Posada Lane has primary care doctors, specialists, Twin Cities Community Hospital and a pharmacy. It seems ideally suited for the behavioral health hospital and we urge our County Board of Supervisors to approve this proposal.

Sincerely,

Maggie Fertschneider, Chairman,
Atascadero United Methodist Church Justice Task Force,
7600 Santa Ynez Ave., Atascadero, CA
805-466-3691

TOPIC: Proposed Mental Hospital
COMMENT: Water Supply – 20 November 2014

The Following information is taken from the FUGRO Consultants report updated August 2013 and the Water Master Plan Update of October 2013.

The FUGRO report states, “the future water supply will not offset the projected demand ... in the year 2022” which “projected population growth is 7,739”. The October 2013 Water Service Area “population projection for the year 2015 is 7,042 and the URL/SRL is 7,184”. Our population at the present time already exceeds 7,700 which does not include the unoccupied 41 and 19 homes still under construction. Several of the charts used in the October report have been construed using 2009-2010 charts thus making it neither relevant nor valid. The October report also states, “It appears the annual demands may exceed our annual supplies”, and also, “Supply availability may be further limited by conditions beyond the Districts control based on such factors as ... environmental circumstances and drought conditions”.

The Level I Severity of our water supply mentioned in the FUGRO report has resulted in the 20% mandatory reduction of our water usage which went into effect May of this year. In the one and one-quarter years since this report, our water supply has continued to deteriorate. John Lindsey, Meteorologist for San Luis Obispo County, recently wrote in his weekly column in the Tribune, that it is going to take more than one to two years of rain to restore our water supply due to the severity of the drought. Obviously digging deeper or more wells will not solve the problem.

There is no doubt that our water supply is in crisis, and the Board must act responsibly and deny permission to build the proposed hospital, impose an IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM on future building projects regardless of the 800 water permits already issued according to the District Engineer Bettina Mayer, and that said moratorium should not be removed until an adequate and sustainable water supply has been attained.

Susan Levine

ATTACHMENT 8

Barry D. Oxford
1484 Laura Ct.
Templeton, CA 93465

November 17, 2014

Templeton Area Advisory Group
PO Box 1135
Templeton, CA 93465

Attn: Holly Phepps, Room 300
Planning & Building Dept.
976 Osos St #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

To whom it may concern:


I am a business and home owner in Templeton and have a number of concerns regarding the proposed Psychiatric Facility and Memory Care Facility in our community.

- The proposed location for the facility is walking distance from homes, parks and schools.
- The facility will incorporate the treatment of youths and adults in close proximity with each other. I strongly disagree with the commingling of children which are highly influential, with adult patients as the current and future risks to a child could be catastrophic.
- The facility will pull non-productive and possible dangerous people into our community from other areas. (Not only the patients but their extended families.)
- Other medical practices and their patients in the proposed location may be negatively affected.
- Voluntary release of patients into our community with no follow-up or support and the lack of sufficient homeless facilities to house them.

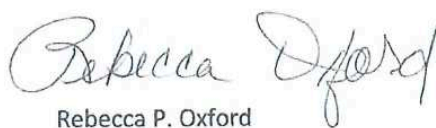
A facility such as this including forensic patients awaiting court hearings and the homeless with high volume of cycling, puts my family and all of our children at risk. In fact, I moved from Atascadero to Templeton because of the vagrant problem prevalent in Atascadero, which in part can be attributed to ASH and the cycling thereof. San Luis Obispo County has other options at its disposal. The Boy's Camp facility in Paso Robles in fact stands on its own and is further removed from the community and businesses seems to me to be one example of many viable options.

I do not lend my support to this facility as it will place us all at risk as we simply do not have the infrastructure and law enforcement in place to assure the safety of our community.

Respectfully,



Barry D. Oxford



Rebecca P. Oxford

Alexander F. Castellanos, M.D.

A Professional Corporation

Family Medicine

699 S. Main Street Templeton, CA 93465 ♦ (805) 434-1804 ♦ Fax: (805) 434-1855 ♦ www.templetondoc.com

December 4, 2014

David La Rue, Chairperson
Templeton Area Advisory Group, TAAG
P.O. Box 1135
Templeton, CA 93465

RE: Psychiatric Facility and Memory Care Facility

Dear Sir and Madams,

To reiterate my concerns I stated at the meeting held at Vineyard Elementary School, Thursday, November 20, 2014, I strongly do not see the benefit of the proposed psychiatric hospital and services for our community and surrounding areas.

Apparently, this project has been ongoing for two to three years, yet there have not been any physicians interviewed about the possible need for such a facility in our community.

I strongly disapprove of having such a facility in our community. I would recommend that our medical establishments concentrate on options that bring trained health providers into our counties. What we need are counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, and family physicians, like myself, who are trained in psychiatry. Outpatient services are much needed.

My training at Stanford University included training at Menlo Park Hospital (One Flew Over the Cuckoo Nest Film site) and has familiarized me very well with various psychiatric conditions and services. Throughout my 37 years of practicing medicine, including 7000 medical trauma center hours, I have found it to be a rare occasion that I would need to have a patient hospitalized in a locked facility.

I hope this will assist the county in making the proper decisions regarding the above proposal and the negative impact it would have on our community.

For Better Health,


Alexander F. Castellanos M.D.

cs/ AC

Board of Supervisors
San Luis Obispo County

Public Comment – Water Issue

Jan , 2015

The State is in severe drought which has impacted all the County. Not all areas have been impacted evenly. No one can predict when, or if, the drought will cease. Yet the powers that be allow building to continue with the ridiculous solution to offset water usage by cutting down trees. Some have presumptuously expressed the idea that the water problem is not as bad as they have been led to believe, and also areas least impacted by the drought should be allowed to continue to build. They are gambling the drought will reverse itself before the water availability here is in dire crisis. What has happened to old fashion common sense?

Since this is the first time such a situation has existed, it might be prudent to wait and see what happens before any further building is allowed. Because water is a limited resource and a basic need, the Supervisors need to implement an immediate building moratorium. Any other action puts the County in a precarious position. This should not be.



Susan Levine
(805) 434- 9977
368 Eric Drive
Templeton 93465

RECEIVED

JAN 14 2015

FOR THE SLO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors
San Luis Obispo County

Templeton Planning Commission

6th Jan. 2015

Mental Health Care Hospital

One of the goals of the Master Plan is to establish Templeton as a medical center. I believe this has been accomplished. Nowhere in the plan does it state Templeton is to be a regional mental health care center which a state -of-the -art 96-bed facility will certainly do. There are other goals in the master plan that we should be focusing on.

We have been told that 1 out of 3 people in Templeton are a danger to themselves and maybe others for which this facility is supposedly being built, that the treatment of choice for us is admission to this lock-down facility, and that enough of us qualify to keep the hospital pretty much filled on an annual basis. I believe you need to qualify these allegations.

Because of the impact a facility of this type and scope will have on our community, this project requires an in-depth feasibility study to include, but not be limited to, the mental health care history of our juveniles, adults, and geriatric community, and which of these would have been admitted to this facility because of need rather than accessibility. I am assuming the geriatric section will not include those who are memory challenged. Until these reports are forthcoming, this project should be shelved.


Susan Levine

Susan Levine
368 Eric Lane
Templeton, CA 93465
(805) 434-9977

TO: SLO Board of Supervisors - Dec 2, 2014 Meeting
RE: Bldg Permit T. Mental Hospital & Assisted Living Facility

Templeton's Board has based much of its decision making on the FUGRO Consultants updated report of August 2013 and the Water Master Plan Update of October 2013 - both of which are flawed and therefore not valid. FUGRO report states, "the future water supply will not offset the projected demand...in the year 2022 which projected population growth is 7,739". The population projection for the year 2015 in the Water Master Plan Update is 7,184. At the beginning of 2014 Templeton's population was already 7,700. Presently there are 61 single residents under construction. Templeton has issued 800 building permits - each permit assuring an adequate water supply for 20 years. Other proposed projects include the Hoover construction of 105+ single residents and the Las Tablas multi complex which may include a 3-story hotel.

In the Master Plan report, "Current water demands are adjusted to a 5 year average over the 2006-2010 time frame in order to account for the high variability of water at this time". These figures are not relevant. Also, "It appears the annual demands may exceed our annual supplies". "Supply availability may be further limited by conditions beyond the District's control based on such factors as environmental circumstances and drought conditions."

Templeton's Ordinance No. 2014-1, Feb. 18, 2014 states that approximately 50% of its water capacity is allocated for emergency and fire-fighting use. I could not find where the level is at the present time. Because of the severity of the drought, It's going to take more than 1 to 2 years of rain to restore the water supply (meteorologist John Lindsey, the Tribune). Digging deeper or more wells will not solve the problem.

CONCLUSION: 1) Deny the building permits. 2) Impose a MORATORIUM on all Templeton's future building **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**, and that said moratorium not be removed until an adequate and sustainable water supply has been attained.

Susan Levine

CC: ✓ **TAAG:**
Templeton Board of Directors;
Supervisor Meacham
The Tribune
County Planning Dept., Karen Nall
The Tribune
KSBY

ATTACHMENT 8

E. Murray Powell
1610 Tanager Ct.
Templeton CA 93465
(805) 434-0707

Mr. David LaRue, Chairman
Templeton Area Advisory Group (TAG)
PO Box 1135
Templeton CA 93465

November 16, 2014

Proposed Mental Health Psychiatric Facility

Dear Mr. LaRue,

I attended the informational meeting held last Tuesday regarding the proposed 96 bed Mental Health facility to be located directly across the street from Twin Cities Hospital on property owned by Dr. and Ms. Billing for more than 20 years. We live less than a half of mile from the proposed site. To say that the presentation made by the Billings, the proposed operator Mark Schneider, and their architect at the meeting was distressing would be an understatement. In my opinion the presentation was a series of misstatements and intentional misrepresentations regarding the operation of the facility. Examples of their claims include the following.

1. The owners and operators claim that the facility will serve "the community" and downplayed the obvious fact that it will serve patients from as far away as Monterey to Santa Barbara and possibly central California areas such as Fresno and Kern Counties. In fact at the October TAAG meeting the operators admitted that the facility will be a "Regional" facility possibly serving as many as 400,000 California residents.
2. The operators claim that the Templeton location is ideal due its proximity to Twin Cities Hospital. They ignored questions asking if the location of such a facility would make more sense located in the San Luis Obispo city area given that 75% of the SLO County's population resides between San Luis Obispo south to the Santa Barbara County line. SLO North County accounts for 67,000 (25%) of the county's 277,000 residents. This facility will obviously serve at least the northern half of Santa Barbara County (the Santa Maria area) where approximately 200,000 reside and Monterey County with a population of approximately 430,000. A more central location in SLO obviously makes sense when you factor in the proximity to two large hospitals (Sierra Vista and French), the Arroyo Grande Community Hospital and numerous other mental health services that are not available in the Templeton Twin Cities Hospital area. The location of a mental health facility centrally located in San Luis will more effectively serve the majority of the county's residents living in SLO's south county and Santa Barbara's north county areas.
3. The operators' claim that they plan is to organize the facility into four equally divided areas that will provide 24 beds for "children", 24 beds for "adolescents", 24 beds for "adults" and 24 beds for "geriatrics". SLO County's current (2013) population stats report that 18% are under 18 years old (5% are under 5 years) and 17% are over 65 years. Doing the math, and excluding under 5 year olds on the basis that few if any children under 5 would be patients at the facility, indicates that 70% of the county's residents are "adults" (18 to 64 years old). Monterey and Santa Barbara counties 2013 census numbers also report that "adults" make up 70% of their population. The proposal claims to allocate only 25% of the facility to 70% of the "adult" population that it will serve. The proposal does not add up. Obviously this proposal has been sugar coated to minimize the proposed number of "adults" who would be housed at the facility which was a primary concern voiced at the Tuesday meeting. The admission of "5150" patients was discussed. "5150" is a legal hold placed on disturbed individuals that allows authorities to hold such patients for 72 hours. The operators stated that they have "no plans" to apply for and admit "5150" patients. I believe that the facility may apply for "5150" permits and admit "5150" patients at any time. A likely option to fill beds.

ATTACHMENT 8

4. The lack of mental health outpatient support services available in the Templeton area was discussed. These issues include the absence of significant state and county mental health services in the area, the absence of a local police force, the absence of drug and alcohol outpatient services, the absence of homeless and halfway house services and the lack of transportation services.
5. Concerns were raised regarding the security of the facility and the ability of patients to leave the facility at will or without authorization. Residential housing is located within yards of the proposed facility. The operators claim that such problems could not occur. However when confronted they admitted that "adult" patients have the legal right to discharge themselves and leave the facility at any time.
6. Mark Schneider was introduced as the CEO of the operator entity. He stated that he is located in New Orleans Louisiana. According to a Saturday Tribune article the facility will be constructed and operated by the out of state Louisiana based Vision Health LLC.
7. Templeton residents should consider the affect that this facility will have on property values. Sellers in the area will be required by law to disclose to potential buyers the proximity of the mental health facility as part of the real estate disclosure process. A local realtor who consulted with a real estate attorney has confirmed the disclosure requirement. These disclosures may be required for real estate transactions throughout the North County area including Paso Robles and Atascadero.

I hope that the scheduled November 20th TAAG meeting focuses on issues that are deeply troubling to Templeton residents and does not become the irritating time consuming lecture that the owners and operators presented at last Tuesday's meeting preaching on how we should all be concerned regarding the lack of mental health facilities in California. I find it interesting that the Dr. and Ms. Billing, who have lived in the Carmel area for the past ten years, appear to be concerned with the lack of mental health services in our area while admitting to the absence of such services in the Monterey area where they reside.

I believe that most Templeton residents agree that mental health facilities are needed throughout California. However the issue we are facing is the proper location of these facilities in relation to Templeton residential areas and the absence of adequate support services in the Templeton area. It is obvious to me that the sole reason for the Billing's plan to create this facility is to cash in on the sale of property that they have owned for more than 20 years without any regard to the detrimental effects that such a facility will have on the Templeton area that is not equipped to deal with this proposed operation.

Best regards,



E. Murray Powell

cc: F. Mecham SLO Supervisor
D. Arnold SLO Supervisor

ATTACHMENT 8

November 13, 2014

Mr. David LaRue, Chairman
Templeton Area Advisory Group
PO Box 1135
Templeton, Ca. 93465

Re: Proposed Behavioral/Mental Health Psychiatric Facility

Dear Mr. LaRue:


We are concerned citizens who live within a third of a mile from the proposed 96 bed facility, to be constructed across the street from Twin Cities Hospital. We have numerous concerns regarding this project.

1. We do not have the infrastructure necessary to support this facility. We do not have the necessary law enforcement presence or fire department capabilities to handle the situations which will arise from construction of this facility.
2. We do not have the necessary support for patients once they are released from the facility, such as a halfway house, a homeless shelter and a County Behavioral Health Center.
3. What will be the impact on roads and traffic as a result of this facility? We understand the latest traffic study is three years old.
4. Has an environmental impact study been prepared, and if not, when will it be done?
5. The operator, Mark E. Schneider, CEO of Vizion Health has told us that they will not be taking 5150 patients in the hospital. However, once they see their occupancy is well below projected levels, that could change in a heartbeat. It is also very possible that this group will get the hospital up and running, and then sell it to another operator who might want 5150 patients. We have asked numerous health professionals in the area how many patients they refer to this type of facility in a year. The answer is much too low to support this facility. Investors in this facility will demand more patients and the hospital will be taking 5150 patients and others to increase occupancy. What will that do to our neighborhoods surrounding the facility? It will have a negative impact that Templeton is not prepared for and cannot handle.
6. We believe this facility will negatively impact property values in the areas surrounding it.

Please consider what is best for the residents of Templeton after the EIR has been prepared, and not what is best for the developers when making your recommendation to the County Planning Commission and the County Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,

Fred and Frieda Russell

Handwritten signatures of Fred and Frieda Russell in cursive script.



321 S. Main Street
Templeton, CA, 93465
P.O. Box 701, Templeton, CA 93465

November 18, 2014

Dear TAAG Officers and Delegates,

The Templeton Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber," henceforth) would like to clarify a position letter that was read aloud at the last TAAG meeting on October 16, 2014, and it was in reference to the project that involves the construction of a Psychiatric hospital and Memory Care assisted living facility on a 4.89 acre parcel that would be subdivided into a 3.43 and 1.46 acre parcels at 1155 Las Tablas Road, Templeton, Calif.

Rob Rosales is the author of that position statement. He is also the Chamber's Government Liaison, but on this project, he is a consultant to the developer. Please accept the content of the letter as his opinion. For this specific project, Mr. Rosales will not speak on behalf of the Chamber as it presents a conflict of interest. His position statement was crafted without any input or review by the Chamber's Board of Directors. Currently, the Chamber does not have a position in support of or opposition to the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Shirley Sigmund
Secretary, Templeton Chamber of Commerce

ATTACHMENT 8

Nov 15, 2014

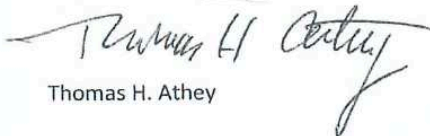
LETTER OF CONCERN

I own residential property in Templeton. My young grandkids attend TES and TMS and walk home past the Templeton Hospital most every day. The proposal to build a Psychiatric Facility across from the hospital is very disturbing.

The potential for troubled patients to be released or checkout by themselves and wander around Templeton is scary. The challenges to law enforcement and the fire department are great. And considering that this facility may import patients from far away, makes the potential even greater for the police to be called to handle a variety of disturbances when relatives are not close by.

I urge you to deny this proposed Psychiatric Facility.

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Athey

ATTACHMENT 8

San Luis Obispo Planning Commission
District One Representative Jim Irving
C/O Holly Phipps, Project Manager
SLO County Planning & Building Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

January 10, 2014

I am a Templeton area homeowner and resident, and have attended the Templeton Area Advisory Group (TAAG) in both October and November 2014 in addition to the Community Forum, held November 11th. At these meetings the Billig project, a proposed behavioral health and memory care facilities project was presented. At each of these meeting the overwhelming response of the community was to deny these from being built, focused primarily on the behavioral health facility. The TAAG board also voted 7-0 to recommend a denial.

Key Issues against the Billig project Include:

- The population of San Luis Obispo is relatively small, and Templeton even smaller (7,700 population). The need for a 96 bed psych hospital is not necessary. The planning department projected in 2013 a need for only 8 psych beds in SLO, and I believe 16 beds have recently been approved for SLO. And, I also believe a facility is being considered for development in Santa Maria. These locations are more centric to the population of SLO County and within areas that currently have good support services. The proposal in the Billig project would put 96 beds in Templeton exceeding the current level of beds for counties many times our size, in an area not as centric to the SLO county population, and in an area without the proper support services needed that are available in other area of the county.
- Vision Health Care LLC was proposes to fund this Billig project is a Limited Liability firm, and they would build the facility to sell it. This raises the issue of what the final patient population and services would be, and the county support and cost of services required. This would include traffic, since new housing, hotel and office and retail space has been approved in the same general area. This could also include water and utilities, fire (emergency response), police respond (only one officer available in the greater Templeton area), and additional outpatient related treatment facilities or half-way housing to support patients leaving the facility. Likely, the new owners would contract with other counties and would fill beds to meet financial capacity thresholds with 5150s if needed, so we could also be importing issues to SLO from other counties.
- The East and West Highway 46 have a growing reputation for excellent wineries that put on events bringing in new business. There is a new Marriott Springfield being built just south of Templeton and a new 126 bed hotel is planned within walking distance from the Billig project site in Templeton. Tourism is growing in the North County. The addition of the behavioral health facility could change the image/perception of the area becoming a central California hub for mental health services putting a damper on economic development related to tourism.

ATTACHMENT 8

- If these include 5150s or involuntary hold in the future, it would mean the patients are more likely to have severe conditions, not adhere to a prescribed plan for treatment, and more likely to have drug, alcohol or criminal backgrounds. I would agree that the ER or jail is not the best place to treat psych patients, and we need to ensure a support system for treatment of these individuals, but I have difficulty believing we need as many beds in SLO North County. These patients that are relatively few can travel to higher population bases for care if needed.
- There is a real risk and perception in Templeton that the atmosphere will be less secure, and housing prices would decline. Perception is real, and a hospital of this type could off-set the positives offered by the Templeton schools to attract younger couples. Two housing developments are planned, and this could also affect these, and future development planned in the Templeton/North County area. Templeton also has a retiree population that moved to the area for the "secure feeling", wine tasting, and rural, small town atmosphere. You can see many of these retirees walking around the streets in the mornings in the general area of the proposed project, along with children walking to schools. With the Billig project, the community expressed passionately their concerns about safety and security, if the behavioral health facility was built.
- At the November TAAG meeting this same "secure feeling" was expressed by doctors working in the area. The Twin Cities Hospital doctors that spoke to the TAAG board, all (every one) expressed concerns about the impact to the hospital ER and the general security of the area, given the existing police and emergency fire resources available in Templeton and the serious conditions of patients that would be at the facility. The concern of the community is the location is dead center in a residential area where any issue will impact residents directly and in turn impact the perception of the community and housing that would impact prices and quality of life.

My Recommendation:

I recommend to the SLO Board of Supervisors to deny the Billig project as it presented, or modify it to exclude the behavioral health facility in Templeton.

Respectfully for your consideration,

Phil Twomey
Resident of Templeton

1290 Laura Ct.
Templeton CA 93465
Phone: 805-296-3277

Dear Holly Phipps,

My name is Rich Bartel. My wife, Pam, and I live at 465 Elizabeth Court in Templeton. Our home is located on the hill just South of the proposed Psychiatric Behavior Health Facility.

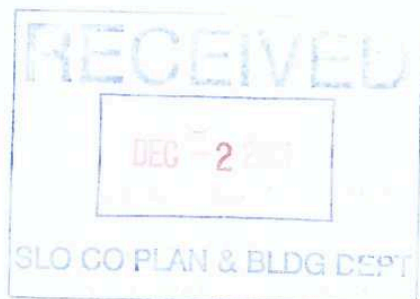
We are opposed to the approval of this Facility in our community. As testimony was presented by both sides on November 20, 2014 at the Templeton Area Advisory Group meeting, it was clear to us that this Facility is not wanted or needed in North San Luis Obispo County. The Fire and Sheriff Departments will be unduly stretched if it is here. The local doctors don't need it here. And, the local residents don't want it here.

Please do not approve the construction of this Facility in Templeton.

Sincerely Yours,



Richard E. Bartel 12/1/14



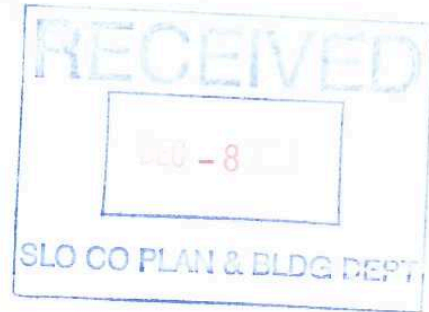
Alexander F. Castellanos, M.D.

*A Professional Corporation
Family Medicine*

699 S. Main Street Templeton, CA 93465 ♦ (805) 434-1804 ♦ Fax: (805) 434-1855 ♦ www.templetondoc.com

December 4, 2014

Holly Phepps Room #300
County of San Luis Obispo, Planning and Building Dept
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401



RE: Psychiatric Facility and Memory Care Facility

Dear Sir and Madams,

To reiterate my concerns I stated at the meeting held at Vineyard Elementary School, Thursday, November 20, 2014, I strongly do not see the benefit of the proposed psychiatric hospital and services for our community and surrounding areas.

Apparently, this project has been ongoing for two to three years, yet there have not been any physicians interviewed about the possible need for such a facility in our community.

I strongly disapprove of having such a facility in our community. I would recommend that our medical establishments concentrate on options that bring trained health providers into our counties. What we need are counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, and family physicians, like myself, who are trained in psychiatry. Outpatient services are much needed.

My training at Stanford University included training at Menlo Park Hospital (One Flew Over the Cuckoo Nest Film site) and has familiarized me very well with various psychiatric conditions and services. Throughout my 37 years of practicing medicine, including 7000 medical trauma center hours, I have found it to be a rare occasion that I would need to have a patient hospitalized in a locked facility.

I hope this will assist the county in making the proper decisions regarding the above proposal and the negative impact it would have on our community.

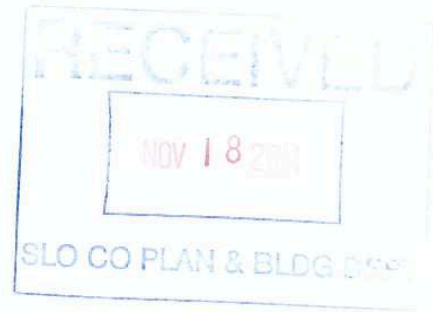
For Better Health,


Alexander F. Castellanos M.D.

cs/ AC

November 13, 2014

Mr. David LaRue, Chairman
Templeton Area Advisory Group
PO Box 1135
Templeton, Ca. 93465



Re: Proposed Behavioral/Mental Health Psychiatric Facility

Dear Mr. LaRue:

We are concerned citizens who live within a third of a mile from the proposed 96 bed facility, to be constructed across the street from Twin Cities Hospital. We have numerous concerns regarding this project.

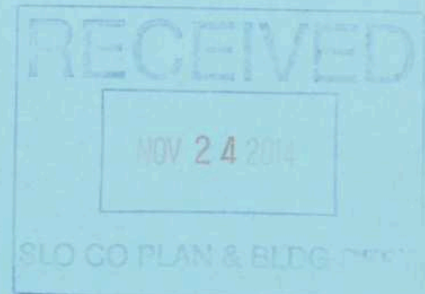
1. We do not have the infrastructure necessary to support this facility. We do not have the necessary law enforcement presence or fire department capabilities to handle the situations which will arise from construction of this facility.
2. We do not have the necessary support for patients once they are released from the facility, such as a halfway house, a homeless shelter and a County Behavioral Health Center.
3. What will be the impact on roads and traffic as a result of this facility? We understand the latest traffic study is three years old.
4. Has an environmental impact study been prepared, and if not, when will it be done?
5. The operator, Mark E. Schneider, CEO of Vizion Health has told us that they will not be taking 5150 patients in the hospital. However, once they see their occupancy is well below projected levels, that could change in a heartbeat. It is also very possible that this group will get the hospital up and running, and then sell it to another operator who might want 5150 patients. We have asked numerous health professionals in the area how many patients they refer to this type of facility in a year. The answer is much too low to support this facility. Investors in this facility will demand more patients and the hospital will be taking 5150 patients and others to increase occupancy. What will that do to our neighborhoods surrounding the facility? It will have a negative impact that Templeton is not prepared for and cannot handle.
6. We believe this facility will negatively impact property values in the areas surrounding it.

Please consider what is best for the residents of Templeton after the EIR has been prepared, and not what is best for the developers when making your recommendation to the County Planning Commission and the County Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,


Fred and Frieda Russell

Cathy Alcantar
310 Rumi Circle
Templeton CA
November 21, 2014



Planning and Building Dept.
San Luis Obispo
Holly Phepps, Room 300
976 Osos St. #200
San Luis Obispo CA 93401

Dear Respected Planning Department and Ms. Phepps:

I am writing to share my concerns of purposed private Memory Facility and adjacent Behavioral Health Facilities desiring to build in Templeton. At meetings with the developer he and his operator continually focused on the building and its architecture. I believe we all agreed the building is beautifully designed. Though exceptionally tall for the area I hope you will consider scaling that down?

The concerns are about other things and are multilayered. Most feel a loss of security and reputation and every indication is that this is a safety issue because it is a lock down facility which indicates danger. Most worry about the traffic impact which we feel was washed over. Most of us worry about having access to emergency care.

It was established that no one can truly be locked down and not leave such a facility. The law is clear on this. Unless there is a court order to lock a person up. In that case it is a mental health detention facility. If there is even a one percent chance of danger to a person or child that happens to be nearby it is too great. If one person does not get a first response in a timely manner this could be the life of a child or friend or neighbor.

The builder seemed to deliberately talk and talk about the building to take up as much time possible so as few questions as possible could be addressed. With the Affordable Care Act all people will have insurance coverage including mental health. This facility is acting now because now is the time they can cash in. Every 7 to 10 days they will be billing hundreds of thousands of dollars they will be taking out of the area. We need businesses that can employ our young people as they graduate from High School. It is a reality not everyone can afford to go to College and the College debt is at such many financial advisors are saying make a choice, do you want to own a modest home or go to College? We want our young people to stay and enjoy life here. We want to have our grandchildren stay here.

Factually this facility will have urgent care needs which the city cannot currently support without significant investment and much time being spent. I learned that if a minor is in the facility beyond a 10 day stay there are cost implications to the school system. Apparently the education of that child becomes the responsibility of that school district once they have been in that city a certain number of days. This is a concern the builder

Ms. Phepps
November 21, 2014
Page 2

cared not about. When a TAAG member asked the builder if he would offer any assistance to the burden of the school system, the builder shook his head giving a no response. What I do understand is that everything about this project will hit the pockets of us, the people living here. Most of us are stretching our dollars to stay in the most perfect place left in California for the love of our family and children.

The developer was asked out right if he would be willing to offer any support or contribution to help with the cost needed for expanding Sherriff, Fire and First Responders. He stated no. He made it clear that he builds facilities, others are hired to operate them and that's it. He then indicated it could change hands after that. He named several facilities throughout the country that he builds and leaves. One of these is the current Community Health Centers in San Luis Obispo according to Dr. Birk. He built that and now it is privately owned by others. Let's look at this location today. They see Behavioral Health patients. At this location eventually the behavior health patients became such a threat that the police came out so many times that they were going to be fined. (Contact SLO PD) They hired private security to keep the Doctors and staff safe. Doctors were hit and knives pulled on them. Behavioral Health encompasses a large umbrella. Too large. The person could be a victim or a perpetrator. The statistics regarding the facilities that treat mental disorders state 85%* of patients they treat have committed violent felonies. These people have no vested interest in our community just dollars. These dollars will be taking more dollars with them than vested and leaving with us.

When a business owner sells a business the person purchasing it is also purchasing the good will of the business and the reputation that it has built. In business real estate this actually has a significant value. It is such a significant value that a person can sell a physically small business for a great amount of profit depending on the good will of that business and its physical location, especially if that location is also of good will. This facility needs our good will to succeed. We do not need their facility to overshadow our success.

Similarly people who live in Templeton own the good will and reputation of Templeton. It means many things to many people. I can assure you there is not a resident in town that will say they don't like Templeton. We are a simple town featuring family and wholesome living with parks, reasonably low crime rate where people young and old can walk enjoy the weather and our downtown shopping and parks. We are aware of our agricultural roots and the goodness of wholesome food and honest living.

People move and stay here for the schools. Some of us live in a fashion less than we could elsewhere so our children can go to school free of fear and get some of the best public education in California.

Reversely if these facilities are permitted to purchase their way into our community, Templeton will take on the reputation of poor will not good will. We will permanently be

* taken from article by Chris O'Neal 11/11/14 titled "Not So Carefully Considered" regarding a private company located in Virginia running Ventura County Behavioral Health.

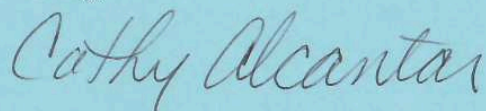
Ms. Phepps
November 21, 2014
Page 3

transformed from the lovely admired town with the good schools and teachers to the town with the three story lock down mental facility.

That is what we will be known for. That is what will spread throughout the counties. This will hurt our housing values and I assure you this stain will outweigh the good reputation of our schools and community parades, music in the park, Founders day and our High Schools Homecoming day parades. It will all be shadowed in darkness for an indefinite period of time.

I implore the department not only to weigh the negative impact of the immediate but of the future as well. I encourage you to feel the people's concerns. Be empathetic to the families, that live, work and play here. San Luis Obispo County please realize the importance of a denial of this type of facility at this location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Cathy Alcantar". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Cathy" and last name "Alcantar" clearly distinguishable.

Cathy Alcantar

cc: TAAG

ATTACHMENT 8

Amber & Jay Ford
201 Foxtail Lane
Templeton, Ca 93465

November 21, 2014

County of San Luis Obispo, California
976 Osos Street, Suite 200
San Luis Obispo, California 93408


Attention: Holly Phipps

RE: Proposed Psychiatric Facility in Templeton

We are against this proposed facility in our neighborhood. Recognizing the medical facilities that are located on Las Tablas to include the hospital are convenient for all citizens in our respective cities, we do not want this type of facility as an addition. The neighborhoods surrounding the area mentioned are well established with families with small children, middle-age and elderly people who enjoy the peace, quiet and safe streets.

While the developers always promote their best foot forward with statements about how it will not impact in a negative way, they won't live here when this facility opens its doors. Obviously there must be a need for this type of facility, but surely there is a better location that is more suitable.

Thank you,



Amber Ford

Cc: Templeton Area Advisory Group
TAAG P. O. Box 1135
Templeton, Ca 93465

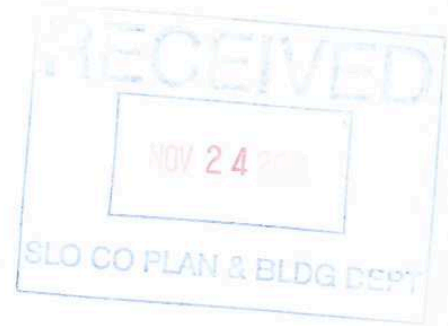
November 21, 2014

Templeton Area Advisory Group (TAGG)

PO Box 1135

Templeton, CA 93465

RE: Proposed psychiatric facility ad memory care facility



I own property located off Las Tablas Road in Templeton. I am against the proposed facility for the following reasons:

1. There is already a large psychiatric State Hospital in the adjoining community of Atascadero. This hospital has been plagued with problems over the years, from staff issues to patient-related crises. One is enough for our county. Let the new facility be built in another county.
2. The area surrounding the Twin Cities Hospital has become more and more congested as new medical groups are formed and clinics built. This is a residential area for hundreds of homes. More traffic is not what we need.
3. My grandchildren live near and walk to school along Las Tablas Road. I am already worried about them having to walk on this congested road (most of which has no sidewalk.) Many times cars have turned in front of them at high speeds, sped out of driveways onto the road from existing facilities without looking for pedestrians, etc. We don't need folks who may be on medications or under severe stress, or too elderly and disoriented to drive, along this thoroughfare. It is not safe.
4. There is no public bus service in Templeton, increasing the foot traffic on this street, and necessitating that anyone who might use this proposed psychiatric facility to be walking and waiting in the nearby neighborhoods. That is not safe for all the local school children who need to pass through the immediate area. There are THREE public schools within a mile of this road which have no bus service to transport them to and from home each day, so many of them walk down Las Tablas Road to reach their homes.

Please deny the plan for this proposed facility in the city of Templeton.

Jean Athey, property owner

cc: SLO County Planning Dept.

Nancy Reinstein PhD, RD

8389 Alta Vista Ave.

Atascadero, CA 93422

11/21/14

Dear County of SLO Planning and Building Dept.,

I am a registered dietitian and have a PhD in Nutrition Science. I was the Clinical Dietitian at French Hospital from 1988 to 1992 when they had a psychiatric ward and a drug rehabilitation ward. I was the Clinical Dietitian for the hospital and all wards at that time. Both wards closed down.

I worked directly with patients at Atascadero State Hospital as a clinical dietitian for 16 years and retired from ASH 3 years ago.

I think that a small psychiatric unit like the one at French Hospital would be fine. They took local people, and this served the county well. Their family could visit and be involved in their care.

I feel that a large facility that houses people from a very large area would hinder the safety of Templeton, which is now a very safe community. Not knowing when a patient would leave and go on the streets puts the whole area on constant alert, and danger. I feel there is no reason to change the nature of Templeton, and make it a less desirable place to live. There are many factors against this facility, among them is traffic. Also, a psychiatric facility should have a very large, open area in nature for people to walk and help heal.

I am against having this facility in Templeton.

Sincerely,

Nancy Reinstein PhD, RD

Nancy Reinstein PhD, RD



ATTACHMENT 8

Barry D. Oxford
1484 Laura Ct.
Templeton, CA 93465

November 17, 2014

Templeton Area Advisory Group
PO Box 1135
Templeton, CA 93465

Attn: Holly Phepps, Room 300
Planning & Building Dept.
976 Osos St #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

To whom it may concern:

I am a business and home owner in Templeton and have a number of concerns regarding the proposed Psychiatric Facility and Memory Care Facility in our community.

- The proposed location for the facility is walking distance from homes, parks and schools.
- The facility will incorporate the treatment of youths and adults in close proximity with each other. I strongly disagree with the commingling of children which are highly influential, with adult patients as the current and future risks to a child could be catastrophic.
- The facility will pull non-productive and possible dangerous people into our community from other areas. (Not only the patients but their extended families.)
- Other medical practices and their patients in the proposed location may be negatively affected.
- Voluntary release of patients into our community with no follow-up or support and the lack of sufficient homeless facilities to house them.

A facility such as this including forensic patients awaiting court hearings and the homeless with high volume of cycling, puts my family and all of our children at risk. In fact, I moved from Atascadero to Templeton because of the vagrant problem prevalent in Atascadero, which in part can be attributed to ASH and the cycling thereof. San Luis Obispo County has other options at its disposal. The Boy's Camp facility in Paso Robles in fact stands on its own and is further removed from the community and businesses seems to me to be one example of many viable options.

I do not lend my support to this facility as it will place us all at risk as we simply do not have the infrastructure and law enforcement in place to assure the safety of our community.

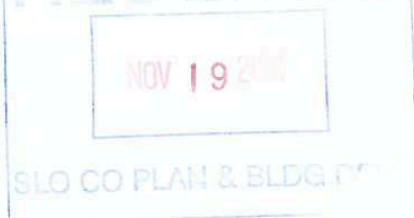
Respectfully,



Barry D. Oxford



Rebecca P. Oxford



November 19, 2014

County of San Luis Obispo, Planning and Building Department
976 Osos St. #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Attention: Holly Phepps, Room 300



RE: Proposed Behavioral Health Hospital Facility in Templeton

Dear Ms. Phepps:

We are writing to you to express our serious concerns with the proposal to build a Behavioral Health Hospital across the road from Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton. We have owned property, voted, paid taxes and lived in Templeton for nearly 25 years. While there has been significant growth in North County in that time, Templeton has remained rural and unincorporated, and therefore dependent upon county resources for police and fire protection and other services essential to maintain the safety and security of our property. The significant growth in the region has meant that these resources have had to be stretched even further, making safety and security an even greater concern, particularly in light of the economic struggles that the state and county have endured over the past several years. Consequently, it is more important than ever to critically evaluate any proposal that would further affect these precious resources and further place county residents and property owners at risk.

The proposed facility poses a number of potential risks to our way of life in North County, not to mention the health and safety of our citizens. It is our understanding that this would be the only such facility between the Bay Area and Ventura County, which would mean an influx of patients and family members from outside of the county as well as patients from within San Luis Obispo County, placing a strain upon our county resources which will not be offset by increased property tax revenues. There are no halfway houses or similar transitional housing units available for the people who might be released and awaiting a court date or subsequent placement. These people would be homeless, and if they are suffering from mental health issues, could pose a threat to residents and property owners. This would again strain our precious law enforcement and fire protection services, which would be required to allocate people and equipment to prevent or respond to incidents involving these patients. Those resources would not be available to county residents, who might face increased risk of property damage, injury or other dangers from increased response times. This is a particular problem for senior citizens and single parents who might become more inviting victims of crime.

There is no county Health Department office nearby to provide services, which would create problems for the patients needing to access those services in San Luis Obispo or trying to seek services from Twin Cities Hospital or other health care providers who are ill-equipped to handle their needs. As a small rural community, Templeton does not have the kind of public

transportation resources necessary to assist people like these patients who would not have access to personal vehicles.

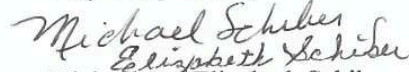
North County is already home to Atascadero State Hospital, California Men's Colony and other facilities which serve people with behavioral issues and/or criminal backgrounds. Adding another such facility would be asking North County to shoulder an inordinate burden compared to other communities.

The new facility, with its attendant problems, will have a detrimental effect on our property values, which would have a detrimental effect on the county's tax revenues.

We ask that the County take into account all of these concerns when reviewing the proposal, and to reject the project if the concerns are not sufficiently addressed to ensure that county property owners and residents are not placed at risk.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Handwritten signatures of Michael and Elizabeth Schiber in cursive script.

Michael and Elizabeth Schiber
1480 Eureka Lane
Templeton, CA 93465

Cc: First District Supervisor Frank Meacham
Templeton Area Advisory Group

November 19, 2014

County of San Luis Obispo, Planning and Building Department
976 Osos St. #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Attention: Holly Phepps, Room 300

RE: Proposed Behavioral Health Hospital Facility in Templeton

Dear Ms. Phepps:

We are writing to you to express our serious concerns with the proposal to build a Behavioral Health Hospital across the road from Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton. We have owned property, voted, paid taxes and lived in Templeton for nearly 25 years. While there has been significant growth in North County in that time, Templeton has remained rural and unincorporated, and therefore dependent upon county resources for police and fire protection and other services essential to maintain the safety and security of our property. The significant growth in the region has meant that these resources have had to be stretched even further, making safety and security an even greater concern, particularly in light of the economic struggles that the state and county have endured over the past several years. Consequently, it is more important than ever to critically evaluate any proposal that would further affect these precious resources and further place county residents and property owners at risk.

The proposed facility poses a number of potential risks to our way of life in North County, not to mention the health and safety of our citizens. It is our understanding that this would be the only such facility between the Bay Area and Ventura County, which would mean an influx of patients and family members from outside of the county as well as patients from within San Luis Obispo County, placing a strain upon our county resources which will not be offset by increased property tax revenues. There are no halfway houses or similar transitional housing units available for the people who might be released and awaiting a court date or subsequent placement. These people would be homeless, and if they are suffering from mental health issues, could pose a threat to residents and property owners. This would again strain our precious law enforcement and fire protection services, which would be required to allocate people and equipment to prevent or respond to incidents involving these patients. Those resources would not be available to county residents, who might face increased risk of property damage, injury or other dangers from increased response times. This is a particular problem for senior citizens and single parents who might become more inviting victims of crime.

There is no county Health Department office nearby to provide services, which would create problems for the patients needing to access those services in San Luis Obispo or trying to seek services from Twin Cities Hospital or other health care providers who are ill-equipped to handle their needs. As a small rural community, Templeton does not have the kind of public

transportation resources necessary to assist people like these patients who would not have access to personal vehicles.

North County is already home to Atascadero State Hospital, California Men's Colony and other facilities which serve people with behavioral issues and/or criminal backgrounds. Adding another such facility would be asking North County to shoulder an inordinate burden compared to other communities.

The new facility, with its attendant problems, will have a detrimental effect on our property values, which would have a detrimental effect on the county's tax revenues.

We ask that the County take into account all of these concerns when reviewing the proposal, and to reject the project if the concerns are not sufficiently addressed to ensure that county property owners and residents are not placed at risk.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Michael Schiber
Elizabeth Schiber

Michael and Elizabeth Schiber
1480 Eureka Lane
Templeton, CA 93465

Cc: First District Supervisor Frank Meacham
Templeton Area Advisory Group

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

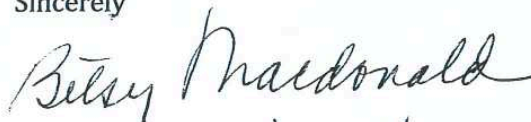
The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely


Betsy Macdonald
45 El Mirador Ct.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely

Joyce Sandoval
2700 Cienega #36
Oceans, Ca 93445

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely

Todd Woodland
1535 Wild Rye Way
Arroyo Grande, CA.
93420
(805) 680-7883

*We'll see you
October 22
Thank You!*

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely

Abby Beckett
157 Clarence
Arroyo Grande, CA
93420

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

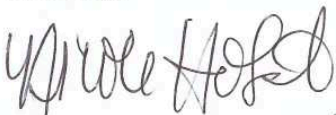
The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely,


4344 Hanks Place
Paso Robles, CA 93446

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Att: Holly Phipps, Room 300
Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Unfortunately stigma is alive and well against those living with mental illnesses in our county. The furor against the development of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton bears this out. What people do not realize is that mental illnesses affect many of us and those we love. And the need for services and treatment centers is imperative to help people get well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that one in four adults and one in 12 children are affected by mental illness at any time. Do the math and you will find that the 16 beds we have in our county to serve those in the acute phase of mental illness are woefully inadequate. People can recover from mental illness but only if they receive treatment during the times they are acutely ill. It is also important to have the support of family and friends in their community while ill.

The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

It seems like a no-brainer. The owner/developer is committed to building this much needed hospital saving our county the expense of purchasing and building a similar hospital. The location is within a greater complex of medical resources. Our loved ones will be able to get the help they need within their own county.

The need is great. The time is now. Please do what you can to help this hospital be constructed.

Sincerely,

Ray George Lopez
115 Mesa Rd
Nipomo, CA 93444

RECEIVED

24 Nov. 2014

NOV 25 2014

PLANNING & BUILDING

To the Planning Commission

It is a danger for all of us in the immediate neighborhood to have a hospital in our midst that impacts patients from San Francisco to Los Angeles, psychiatric, forensic, behavioral, and criminal elements who can escape or voluntarily released for patients with perhaps nowhere to go. Criminals awaiting trial is very dangerous for all of Tempton.

I consider myself very vulnerable a widow, and alone, also we don't have enough police, nor firemen, and to top it all, we no doubt will have more taxes to pay not assumed.

I am inclined to think of it as a prison hospital and not in the least appropriate in a family neighborhood. To top it all off our property values will most assuredly go down in value.

Please do NOT PERMIT the property across the St. from our Tempton Hospital, ^{to build} Our County has enough & more than our share of Prison Hospitals. These promoting the building of this enterprise can change the rules AFTER they build.

I vote NO!

Sincerely,
Kathleen Bell

03/13/05/1
Ventura, the Valley or Los Angeles
far away from the support
systems they need during
+ after treatment.

I have also been closely in-
volved with the local Homeless
Shelter (ECHO) in Atascadero
since its beginning in 2001.
Mental Health treatment is often
needed before homeless clients are
stable enough to seek + maintain
housing. This facility is desperate-
ly needed to assist the homeless
members of our community.

My major focus in therapy has
been working with children
+ their families with severe
emotional problems. It has been
difficult for families to find
assessment + treatment for
their children without a
local mental health facility.
As we hear the reports of
people in need in need of

p. 2.

mental health treatment
acting out in the community,
it is clear that we need to
provide residential treatment
in our area. I appreciate
your serious consideration
of the approval of the
~~Templeton~~ Behavioral
Health Facility in San
Luis Obispo County.

Respectfully,

Kathleen (Kathie) Abdel, M.S.,
LMFT

7730 Mono Road #109
Atascadero, CA 93422